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MEXICAN MATTERS ARE FAST COMING TO HEAD

President Wilson and American Members of the American-Mexican Commission Are to Confer Today—Mexican Consul at New York Arrested for Conspiracy to Ship Arms to Vera Cruz.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—President Wilson will confer at 5 o'clock this afternoon with Secretary Lane and the other members of the American-Mexican commission.

Mexican Consul Arrested.

New York, Jan. 3.—Juan T. Burns, Carranza consul general here, was today arrested, charged with being in a conspiracy to ship arms and ammunition to Vera Cruz in violation of President Wilson's embargo of October, 1915.

Queretaro, Mexico, Jan. 3.—Felix M. Palau, a prominent public instructor, who has often spoken for Carranza, told the constitutionalist convention today that the international situation was grave. He said Carranza had refused to resume conferences with the United States until the troops were withdrawn from Mexico unconditionally, and declared the assembly must work on the constitution and program the rights of the people, while Carranza is battling against the enemy to save the national honor and integrity.

AN IMPORTANT BUSINESS CHANGE

Hillyer-Deutsch Lumber Company Succeeded by the Howell Lumber Company.

One of the most important business changes noted in Bryan in many months became effective on January 1st, when the Hillyer-Deutsch Lumber Company was succeeded by the Howell Lumber Company. The new firm is composed of Dr. J. W. Howell and W. S. Howell. The business will be incorporated under the laws of the state of Texas and application for a charter has already been made. As soon as this is secured organization will be perfected and directors and officers will be elected.

This extensive business concern again becomes a home institution, being owned by home people, and will be kept up to the high standard it has maintained in the past. Liberal and courteous treatment will continue to be the policy of the firm and based on the merits of its goods and the quality of its service, the new firm asks a share of the public patronage.

P. O. APPROPRIATION IS $330,000,000

New Law Would Increase Rates on Newspapers Through Putting Zone System in Operation.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 2.—The annual postoffice appropriation bill reported to the House today carried approximately 330 million dollars. It would increase rates on newspapers by a zone system.

MARRIAGE AND AUTO LICENSES.

According to the records kept by County Clerk H. O. Ferguson, there were 435 marriage licenses and 132 automobile licenses issued during the year 1916.

BUFFALO NICKELS BUY A FORD CAR

Mrs. Sam Buchanan Buffaloes Johnson & Rohde Into Delivering Rer a Real Jitney.

To demonstrate what one can do by just saving a little at a time, Mrs. Sam Buchanan of this city has just completed pulling a stunt that we dare say no other person in the entire United States has ever attempted. She has bought her a brand new Ford touring car with buffalo nickels which she saved. Now if you doubt what we are saying, we direct you to the show window of Johnson & Rohde, local agents for the Ford car. In this window you will see on display 7,912 buffalo nickels which cover the entire floor of the window and then some. It is the biggest pile of money you ever saw in a show window. The amount is $395.59, the exact price of the car.

About two years ago Mrs. Buchanan made a trade with her husband, who conducts a restaurant on Main street, whereby she was to get every buffalo nickel that was taken in at the place of business. Little did either of them think at that time that in two years they would come into possession of nearly a bushel of them. Mrs. Buchanan has had a number of places where she kept the nckels, and up until a few weeks ago she herself did not have any idea of how many she had, but after going to each place and counting them she realized that she had quite a sum of money and the idea crept into her head to surprise her husband by buying an automobile with them, and this morning she had Mr. Johnson of the Johnson & Rohde Company take a big Studebaker car and an expert chauffeur and they loaded a big steel tool box in the car and made the collection. The nickels weighed exactly 92 pounds and every one of them was a buffalo. Some are worn and have passed through many hands, while others have never bought anything except a cup of Buchanan's good coffee and were then laid aside.

The number of the new Ford is 1,426,144 and is the only real jitney that has ever been seen in the city, because of the fact that it was bought with jitneys and not a single piece of money was used in the transaction except buffalo nickels.

HAD FINE TRIP.

J. D. Martin has returned from Hondo, where he went to visit relatives and to enjoy the fine hunting afforded in that section of the state. He reports a fine trip and fine sport in hunting, although he did not succeed in bringing down a deer, due, however, to his marksmanship and not to the lack of game. Other members of his party were more fortunate and plenty of deer and wild turkeys were bagged. Mr. Martin said he found all the Brazos county people who now reside at Hondo, well and enjoying great prosperity.

VILLA SUFFERS ANOTHER DEFEAT

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 2.—In a battle near Guerrero yesterday Carranzistas captured 150 Villiastas who recently occupied Chihuahua City and killed 25 others, according to a report today.

PEANUT INDUSTRY IN NEW RECORD

Statistics From State Department of Agriculture Show Wonderful Results in Texas.

(By Associated Press.)

Austin, Texas, Jan. 3.—Statistics just gathered by the state of this season's yield show that the Texas peanut industry has reached enormous proportions, which means much, to the live stock and commercial interests of the state. The total acreage was approximately 350,000, and each acre is yielding an average of sixty bushels, making the total production approximately 21 million bushels. The cotton seed oil mills afford the principal market for the crop, and the price they are paying at present is $1 a bushel. Furthermore each acre of peanuts gives an average of one ton of hay, which sells readily for $12 a ton. At this price this season's crop of peanut hay will bring a total of about $4,200,000, bringing the value of the peanuts and by-products up to 25 million dollars. Judging from the encouragement which the cotton seed oil mill companies are giving the peanut industry, the acreage in that crop in Texas will be more than doubled next year.

AUSTRALIA REFUSES CONSCRIPTION

Was Submitted to Vote of the People. Will Do Her Part, However, in the War.

(Correspondence of Associatetd Press)

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 5.—Notwithstanding the limitations imposed by the people's verdict in refusing to accept conscription, the government believes Australia will continue to play her part creditably in this war," said Premier Hughes in a recent speech at the lord mayor's dinner in Melbourne.

"The result of the referendum," he said, "settled one point and one point only—that we may not have recourse to compulsion in order to provide reinforcements for overseas service during the war—and of course it can not affect in any way Australia's obligations to the empire. The people, misled by gross misrepresentations, have declined to entrust the government with the powers asked for. The decision of the people will profoundly affect the future, not only of this young commonwealth, but of democratic government generally. Certainly this refusal on the part of a free people to make sacrifices to defend their freedom will be used as a proof of the unwisdom of submitting great national issues directly to the people. But while we regret the decision, considering the odds against us there is no need to be discouraged."

Mr. Hughes attacked the anti-conscriptionists in this language: "What must be the feelings of tens of thousands of loyal Australians who, misled by the outrageous misrepresentations of designing men, voted 'No' when they read the enthusiastic approval of their action by the German press? Is there one man or woman who voted 'No,' and who loves Australia, who does not feel humiliated and ashamed to see in what light their action is regarded in Germany?"

Speaking of troubles in the commonwealth, chief of which was a threatened strike of coal miners, Mr. Hughes said:

"The strikes and upheavals, political and industrial, we see around us are the manifestations of deliberate policy which aims at destroying society as it now exists. They are the men who, calling themselves by many names or by no names, are in effect anarchists, and assisting them for their own purposes are certain sections who are against the empire. What must be the duty of any government worthy of the name under such circumstances? It is to carry on the war with vigor, to prove to the empire and to the world that the heart of Australia beats true, that it owes its existence to the empire and realizes that only through the defeat of Germany can the commonwealth maintain its existence and achieve its destiny."

FIRE HAZARDS ARE VERY FEW

State Fire Insurance Commission Inspector Visited City and Found But Little to Report.

City Fire Marshall John Daly, Jr. is today in receipt of a report issued from S. W. Inglish, State Fire Marshal which contains the report of Mr. S. M. Meeks, a State Fire Insurance Commission inspector. The report comes as a result of a recent visit to this city by Mr. Meeks it is very short and according to same there were only six places of business in the entire city that were in the least hazardous. The report dwelt on empty boxes, loose paper and excelsior in the rear of a few of the leading business houses. In one place it was found that gasoline was stored in a building to the amount of 5 gallons in an unapproved can. Electric light cords hanging on nails was another. At three places it was found that insufficient floor protection was used under the stoves.

The Eagle makes mention of these items so as to help guard against fires. Let's watch these things and upon the next visit of an inspector be so prepared that not a single kick can be registered. Bryan is leading in every other way, let's take the lead here.

DEFEATED HOPES OF N. M. REPUBLICANS

Democratic Governor Took Oath, Although Ill, So As to Fill All Appointive Offices.

(By Associated Press.)

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 2.—Hopes of Republicans in New Mexico for obtaining full control of state appointive offices and possibly gaining the executive office itself, were ended Monday when Ezequiel C. DeBacca, Democrat, elected to the governorship, took the oath of office at a local sanitarium. Governor DeBacca, who has been ill at a hospital in Los Angeles, returned to the state capital at the risk of shortening his life, that he might take the oath of office.

Republicans have a working majority in the legislature. Had DeBaca not been inaugurated Monday, Lieutenant Governor Lindsay, a Republican, it is said, would have been acting governor with all the functions of the office, including the appointive power, until DeBaca was sworn in and might even have retained the governorship, it was claimed.

HOTEL BRYAN TAKES BIG FORWARD STEP.

Will Inaugurate Telephone Service in Every Room.

Another long step forward is to be taken by the Hotel Bryan in its efforts to give its patrons a modern and up to date service in every particular. The new improvement is private telephone service in every room, made possible by the installation of an exchange in the hotel office through which the service will be operated, giving the guests both local and long distance service, which is precisely the same as that furnished by the hotels of the larger cities. Mr. Doane, the proprietor, is determined to keep the Bryan up to the standard in progressiveness and this latest improvement puts him in a class with the very best. Fifty-five telephones will be installed and the service will be inaugurated not later than this week.

SENATOR DECHERD HERE.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, Jr., of Franklin, state senator-elect from this district, was in Bryan today. Mr. Decherd was a member of the House two years ago and the legislative experience gained during the session, together with his other qualifications, will make him one of the able and influential members of the Senate. Brazos county and A. and M. College will have a staunch friend in Senator Decherd.

Amon Williams was in town today from his home at Coleview.

Walter Armstrong was a business visitor today from Tabor

LONDON COMMENTS ON WILSON'S PEACE EFFORT

Westminster Gazette Says President Is An Academic Person and Has Not Considered Consequences of His Efforts — Germans Report Further Successes in Rumania — German Subs Still Active.

London, Jan. 3.—Commenting on Washington dispatches that President Wilson is determined to press his his efforts to bring about peace, the Westminster Gazette says:

"The national belief that the American President is a purely academic person, who launches a literary essay on the world without preparation or consideration of the consequences, is a dangerous delusion which may lead us astray if not abandoned. We are bound to treat him as a very serious factor at this stage of the war."

Russians Repulsed.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—The Russo-Rumanian forces made strong attacks on the Moldavian front yesterday, which were repulsed with heavy losses, according to the official statement. The towns of Barsesoi and Topesoi, as well as several hill positions, were captured by the Teutons.

Artillery Active.

Paris, Jan. 3.—The artillery is active north and south of the Somme in the region of Rouvroy and Verdun, around Dead Man's hill, Bezonvaux and also in Champagne, according to the war office. The French patrols captured some prisoners.

Two Steamers Sunk.

London, Jan. 3.—Lloyd's announces that the British steamer Hoidbrach and the Norwegian steamer Fricar have been sunk.

French Sailing Ship Sunk.

London, Jan. 3.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the French sailing ship Aconcagua and the Swedish steamer Goosebridge.

OIL DEVELOPMENT BACKED BY EXPERTS

County Attorney Bethea Says Experts Passed on Proposed Field—Is No "Skin Game."

In conversation with Mr. Lamar Bethea of the Bryan Petroleum Company this morning, he stated the stock of the company is now ready to be placed on the market, and that Messrs. West and Sharff, agents for the company, would call on the people of this city and community and give them an opportunity to take part in the development of what he believes to be a rich oil and gas field, and to share in the benefits of same.

Mr. Bethea says he is anxious for the people to understand this is a legitimate proposition and not a "skin game." That only stock enough will be sold to sink the well and that every dollar of it will be used for this purpose. That nobody connected with the company in any way will get a dollar of this money except the man who drills the well. That it is to be an honest effort to develop this field and that every man who takes stock will get a square deal and share and share alike in proportion to the amount of stock owned.

Mr. Bethea also wants it understood that they are not going into this enterprise blindly and backing their own judgment as to the indications, but that the best oil experts and the most learned scientists of the country have been taken to the field, and it is upon their opinion, after visiting the field and making a thorough investigation, that they are proceeding with the development.

As proof of the expert opinion they have secured, he quotes the following from a letter from Dr. William B. Phillips, director of the Bureau of Economic Geology and Technology of the University of Texas:

"Your letter of the 18th was received during my absence in the oil and gas regions northwest of Fort Worth and I have just had opportunity of replying to it.

"I regret to know that you have thought my report on the oil prospects in Brazos county too technical. I endeavored to avoid all technical language as far as possible. However, I can say that I regard the localities examined for you and Mr. Mally, especially those in the vicinity of Buzzard Roost Pond, as favorable for the existence of oil and gas as any localities I have inspected outside of already proven territory.

"No one can say more than to advise drilling there. The indications fully warrant the putting down of at least one deep well and I recommend this be done. From the record of that well it can be determined whether or not it would be wise to put another well down. But at any rate, whether this second well is ever undertaken or not, I think that you are fully warranted in proceeding with the work.

"This well should be carried down at least 2,000 feet, if not stopped before this on account of oil or gas, and accurate records should be kept."

CONGRESS RESUMES AFTER HOLIDAYS

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 2.—Congress reconvened today after the holiday recess.

ENTENTES' NOTE MEANS REFUSAL

Reply of Allies Interpreted in Berlin as a Flat Refusal to End the War at This Time.

(By Associated Press.)

Berlin, Jan. 2.—The text of the entente note replying to the peace offer of the central powers, says the semi-official Overseas News Agency, reached Berlin as transmitted from Paris to the Havas News Agency. The general impression here is that this version is correct—that the entente answer to the sincere German offer, while verbose, nevertheless is a flat refusal to end the war. This is especially regretted for the sake of the neutral countries suffering from the consequences of the war.

"It is pointed out as especially remarkable," says the dispatch, "that the entente note mentions the right of nationalities, although one of the avowed purposes of the entente is the conquest of Constantinople and the straits."

"WHOSE THERE" SAVES JEWEL CASE

Home of John Borden, Chicago Millionaire, Entered by Burglar, Who Was Frightened Away.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Jan. 2.—The burglar who entered the home of John Borden, the millionaire Arctic explorer, today, was frightened away before he got access to the $250,000 jewel case. The man fled in the early darkness when Mrs. Borden asked, "Who's there?"

BELIEVE WAR WILL END DURING THIS YEAR

British Troops in France Hailed New Year As Last of the War—Expect to See Victorious Peaec for Allies—Teutons Still Gain on Rumanian Front—British Casualties Heavy in December.

With the British armies in France, the arrival of January 1st, 1917, was welcomed on the western front by British and French soldiers as the beginning of the end of the great world war. There are varying views and theories as to how the end will be brought about, but there is a conviction throughout the army that the next twelve months will bring victorious peace to the allies.

Teutons Make Gains.

Berlin, Jan. 1.—Continuing their heavy attacks on the Moldavian front yesterday the Austro-German forces captured several heights, positions and two towns in Zabala valley, the war office says. Violent Russian and Rumanian attacks were repulsed. The Russians were also defeated again in Wallachia, being driven back to positions half way between Rimnik Sarat and Fokshanni. The Danube army has driven the Russians to the Braila bridgehead. In Dobrudja the Teutons captured a thousand men, four cannon and eight machine guns.

Quiet in London.

London, Jan. 1.—The third New Year's eve of the war was extremely quiet in the British capital. Mostly soldiers attended the restaurants and all places closed at 11 o'clock.

British Casualties.

London, Jan. 1.—The total British casualties reported in the published list from December 1st to December 23rd was: Officers, 815; men, 36,350. No lists were published during the holidays.

Danish Steamer Sunk.

London, Jan. 1.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the Danish steamship Denmark. Twenty-four members of her crew were landed.

Cutter Blown Up.

London, Jan. 1.—The cutter Protector has been blown up. The number of lost is unknown.

It is suggested that Germany proposes peace because she urgently needs it. And might not the allies accept it for precisely similar reason?—Kansas City Journal.

NO SECOND NOTE WAS SENT BY U. S.

Washington Government Acted on Its Own Initiative and Asked No One to Approve Action.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—The American government, it was made known today, sent no second note to neutrals subsequent to the dispatch of the Teuton's peace note, but American diplomats at neutral capitals were told in the transmitted peace note they should convey a suggestion that if the neutral governments thought it wise to take action on peace the United States considered the time opportune. It is stated definitely that no other government knew the United States was contemplating action, and no other government was asked to approve its action before or afterwards, and that the American government acted entirely on its own initiative, and that no attempt was made to act in concert with any other nation.

MOB VIOLENCE CLAIMS 54 VICTIMS

Records Show That This Number Met Death at Hands of Mobs in U. S. During Year of 1916.

(By Associated Press.)

Tuskegee, Ala., Jan. 1.—Fifty-four persons were lynched in the United States during the year just closing, according to records kept by the Tuskegee Institute in this city. Fifty of the number were negroes and four whites. There were three negro women included in the fifty.

FREE MAIL DELIVERY WILL START AT ONCE

Carriers Have Been Selected and Postmaster Astin Makes Statement Regarding Service.

The statement that Bryan is to have free mail delivery is no longer a surmise or promise—it is an actual reality. Carriers have been selected for two city routes and started this morning on the preliminary work of arranging the details of their work. The routes will be known as numbers 1 and 2. Mr. S. G. Buchanan is the carrier selected for Route 1 and Mr. C. L. Murray has been selected for Route 2. Mr. Buchanan was transferred from the city delivery service in Marlin to this city, having been in the same service there for four years. Mr. Murray is a Bryan man, and in the selection of these two gentlemen the public is assured of a very efficient service. Postmaster Astin made the following statement:

"The starting of actual delivery service will depend altogether on the co-operation we receive from patrons. About two days will be spent by the carriers in company with City Engineer Adams, familiarizing themselves with their routes. After this is done the distribution of blanks will be taken up by the carriers, same to be delivered to each family served on the routes. The blanks are headed by the following request:

"'Please write below the names of all persons (including servants) receiving mail at the above address and return this form promptly to the carrier, who should be informed of all changes of address as they occur.

"'Respectfully,

"'POSTMASTER.

"'(Write one name on a line, with ink. Write names in full, and in case of married women, write their own given names, not their husbands'. Use the prefixes Miss and Mrs. wherever applicable.)'

"Just as soon as these blanks are all filled in and returned to the carriers, the service will start and under ordinary circumstances and with the proper co-operation by all concerned, it should not require more than ten days.

"Attention is also called to the fact that just as soon as the service begins it will require 2 cents for each and every piece of first class mail posted in the Bryan office, whether sealed or unsealed."

Mr. Astin said further that in the future those who are to receive their mail on city routes should have same addressed to them at their street and number, as this will be a great help in many ways.

Route No. 1 will include Main street from 22nd street going south to 33rd street and west to the farthest point on Congress avenue.

Route No. 2 will run from 21st street south to 34th street and east to Polk avenue.

Remember, the better you, Mr. Reader, co-operate with Mr. Astin and the two carriers, the quicker the service will be started.

SCHOOL LAND IS NOW ON MARKET

Approximately 2,000,000 Acres of School Land Is for Sale to Highest Bidder.

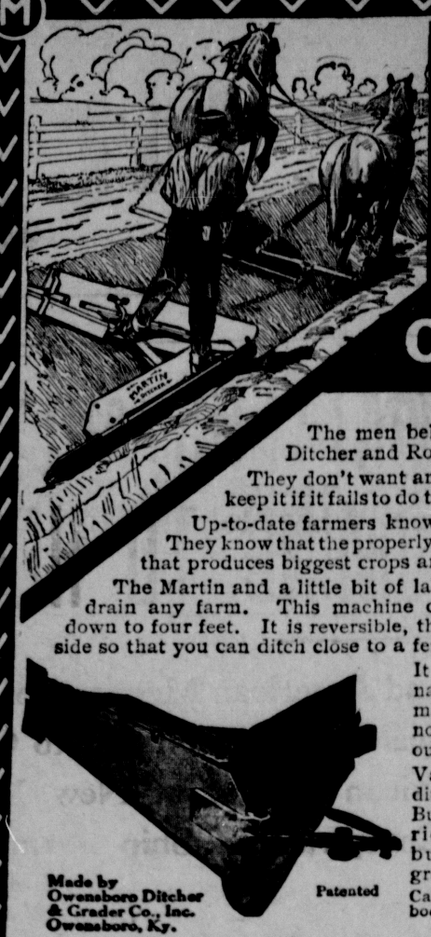
(By Associated Press.)

Austin, Tex., Jan. 1.—Approximately 2,000,000 acres of state school land was placed on the market today by State Land Commissioner J. T. Robinson, to be sold to the highest bidder.

While the bulk of this land is sold on condition of actual settlement by the purchaser, more than 250,000 acres will be sold without this requirement. This land is in tse counties of: Brewster, Bandera, Culbertson, Crockett, Edwards, El Paso, Jeff Davis, Kerr, Kimble, Menard, Pecos, Presido, Real, Terrell and Val Verde. More than eight sections of 640 acres each not to be sold to one person. Those tracts of less than 80 acres are to be cash sales without actual settlement required.

NEW YEAR AT THE ELKS' CLUB.

Bryan Lodge 859, B. P. O. E., as is the usual custom, are holding open house at the club rooms on 26th street this afternoon and the annual New Year Dance will take place this evening, the grand march starting promptly at 9 o'clock. This will undoubtedly be one of the most brilliant social affairs of the season. The music has been carefully selected and will be rendered by an exceptionaly good orchestra. The decorations will be most elaborate, the club colors of white and purple prevailing.



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They don't want any man who buys one to keep it if it fails to do the things claimed for it.

Up-to-date farmers know the value of ditching. They know that the properly drained farm is the one that produces biggest crops and makes most money.

The Martin and a little bit of labor will soon properly drain any farm. This machine cuts a V-shaped ditch down to four feet. It is reversible, throws the dirt to either side so that you can ditch close to a fence.

It can be adjusted for a narrow or wide cut. It's made all of steel and has no working parts to wear out. Lasts a lifetime.

Valuable for hillside ditching and terracing. Builds and tears down rice levees. Levels bumps, fills gullies, grades roads.

Call and look at one or send for book telling what users think.

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ENTENTES REPLY NOT YET SENT TO TEUTONS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—The reply of the ententes to the German peace proposal had not been forwarded today and the indications were it would not be forwarded before tomorrow at the earliest. There is no intention to delay it beyond the necessary time to make certain that a complete and accurate copy is being forwarded to all the central belligerents.

REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR IN ARIZONA

No Inaugural Ceremonies Were Had Because Present Incumbent Claimed the Office.

(By Associated Press.)

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 1.—Thomas E. Campbell, Republican, was this morning inaugurated governor of Arizona. There were no inaugural ceremonies because of the fact that Governor Hunt, the present incumbent, claims the office. When Campbell went to the executive offices after the inauguration he found them locked.

'Tis my vocation, Hal: 'tis no shame for a man to labor in his vocation.—King Henry IV.

ITALIAN SHIP SUNK IN COLLISION

Queenstown, Jan. 1.—The Italian steamship, Legano, was damaged in a collision outside of Cork harbor and is reported to have sunk. The captain and one seaman were drowned.

BETTER CROPS

are made when the ground is thoroughly prepared.
Cut your stalks and break the ground early

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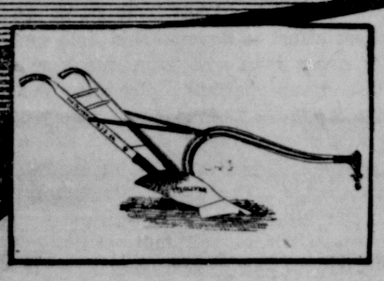

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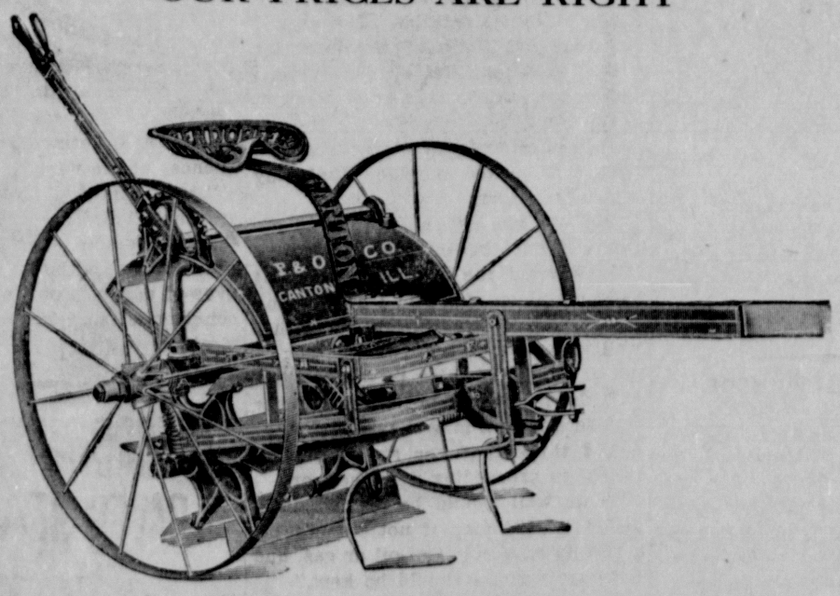

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District Clerks Office, Bryan, Texas

REEVES FAMILY KILLED BY NEIGHBORING FARMER

Henry Waller, Aged 33, a Farmer Living in the Minden Community Planned and Executed the Murder of Jno. N. Reeves, Wife and Three Children—Negroes Who Helped Him Confess Crime.

Minden, La., Dec. 29.—Henry Waller, aged 33, a farmer living in the same community, planned and executed the killing of John Nelson Reeves, his wife and three children in their home near this city on Christmas evening, according to a reported confession of the three negroes who were arrested Christmas day. The three negroes were spirited away to Baton Rouge, La., and placed in the penitentiary for fear of violence. All three of the negroes are alleged to be accomplices of Waller.

ROBBERS BLOW SAFE AT HAGERMAN BANK

Five Men Loot State Bank Safe and Make Good Their Escape With Five Thousand Dollars.

Sherman, Texas, Dec. 29.—Five robbers blew the safe of the First State Bank at Hagerman, 15 miles northwest of this city, early this morning, and made good their escape in an automobile with $5,000.

As the robbers entered their automobile they exchanged several shots with citizens, but so far as is known none was injured. It took six explosions to open the bank safe.

NOT INFRINGE ON MONROE DOCTRINE

Proposed League of Nations to Enforce Peace Would Not Further Complicate Matters.

(By Associated Press)

New York, Dec. 29.—For the United States to join a league of nations to enforce world peace after the present war would in no wise be jeopardizing the Monroe doctrine—certainly not to any greater extent than it already has been jeopardized by some thirty odd treaties," was the view expressed here Thursday night in a formal statement issued by the League to Enforce Peace, of which former President Taft is the head.

"The fact that since 1913," the statement says, "the United States has become a party to treaties with France, Great Britain, Russia and other European and South and Central American states in which the high contracting parties agree that all disputes between them of every nature whatsoever to the settlement of which previous arbitration treaties or agreements do not apply, shall, when diplomatic methods of adjustment have failed, be referred for investigation and report to an international commission and 'they agree not to declare war or begin hostilities during such investigation and before the report is submitted.'

"The report shall be presented in the maximum period of one year. These treaties still have some time to run.

"Plainly, therefore, the United States is treaty bound to submit disputes, even involving the Monroe doctrine, to a body which would meet the requirements of the League to Enforce Peace."

A. & M. CHANGES IN MILITARY TACTICS

Changes to Meet Requirements of New Army Bill in Regard to Land Grant Colleges.

Changes in the schedule of drills and classes in military science and tactics to meet the provisions of the recent army bill with reference to the land grant colleges and establishment of the reserve officers' training corps will be made by A. and M. College at the beginning of the second college term, February 3rd.

An increased amount of work will be required of juniors and seniors enrolling in the R. O. T. C., while the schedule of drills and classes for those juniors and seniors not enrolling for that work will be reduced. So well fashioned has the A. and M. College course been, however, that no extremely radical changes will be necessary, as has been the case in most of the other land grant colleges.

Heretofore one hour drill has been required on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons of all cadets. Under the changes which were approved by the general faculty of the college Saturday, however, drills for the next term for all students will be reduced to one hour on two afternoons, the days to be selected by the schedule committee. One hour of theoretical instruction in military science and tactics will be required of all freshmen and sophomores. Juniors and seniors enrolling in the reserve officers' training corps will have three hours theory each week for both years. Students not enrolling in this work will be exempt from the class room work in both junior and senior years. Senior privates will be exempt from all military duties, but will be required to participate in the military system just so far as the administration of discipline may require, as upper classmen are in charge of that work.

All freshmen and sophomore students of the college will be uniformed free by the United States government beginning at the opening of the 1917-18 term next September. Juniors and seniors enrolling in the training corps will be uniformed and will receive a monthly ration allowance of $9. There were no uniforms provided by the government this year in view of the heavy demands made by the mobilization of the militia. Congress is expected to reimburse juniors and seniors enrolling in the R. O. T. C. for ration allowance for the present year. The details of the rearrangement of the schedule will be left to the committee having that work in charge.

POSTAL RECEIPTS INCREASE.

The receipts at the Bryan postoffice for the month of December, 1916, were $1,939.60 compared with $1,631.14 in the same month of 1915, an increase of $308.46. This, according to Postmaster Astin, is the largest December business ever done in this city. In discussing the increasing business this morning Mr. Astin said that he was very thankful to the citizenship for their co-operation in handling the heavy Christmas business. He said: "It was a real pleasure this year to do our work because of the good spirit everyone showed and the co-operation they gave us."

FREIGHT STEAMSHIP STOPPED BY SUB

British Ship Chicago City Fired On and Stopped by German Submarine December 14th.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 30.—The British freight steamship Chicago City, from Bristol, England, was fired on and stopped by a German submarine December 14th. The attack was made 120 miles off Fastnet. The crew of the Chicago City reports that the steamship was saved from being sunk by the arrival of a British destroyer, which was attracted by the firing of the submarine. It is said the submarine was 200 feet long and of a new type.

FUEL SHORTAGE HAND ICAPS STEEL MILLS

(By Associated Press)

Pittsburg, Dec. 30.—The lack of Coke, due to the shortage of cars, is handicaping the iron and steel mills here it is officially announced.

Nor is anybody getting more exercise out of those peace rumors than the stock market. — Indianapolis News.

TEST WELL TO BE DRILLED AT ONCE

Bryan Petroleum Company Ready to Begin Operations on the Navasota River.

Everything is in readiness for operations to begin in the prospective oil field at Buzzard's Roost on the Navasota river twelve miles east of Bryan. The Eagle is informed drilling will begin at once.

Mr. W. B. West, a well known oil man of Beaumont, Texas, is in charge of the sale of stock in the company, with Mr. C. S. Sharff, a Mexico oil operator and formerly with the Standard Oil Company, as his assistant. Mr. Sharff was connected with the feeding and breeding station at A. and M. College a few years ago and it well known to our people. These gentlemen have made a thorough personal investigation of the prospective field and Mr. West authorizes the statement that from the outcroppings found and the other surface indications, they believe an enormous oil and gas field will be developed.

Mr. West has retained offfce room in the county court house with County Attorney Lamar Bethea, who is a prominent member of the company.

These gentlemen will have further announcements through the Eagle relative to the sale of stock in the company.

WOULD STOP CHILDREN FROM MOVIES

Chicago Lady Would Have Law Enacted Preventing Children from Attending More Than Twice.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Dec. 30.—A law preventing children under 16 years of age from attending moving picture shows more than twice a week is being urged by Mrs. Alfred Hammburger before the Chicago "Equality League." Her husband owns a chain of theatres here. She said that too frequent attendance gives children distorted views.

NEW PLAN TO ELIMINATE BOOTLEGGING

Senator Collter Proposes Legislation Allowing Shipments Into W. Va. of Certain Amounts.

(By Associated Press.)

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 30.—In an effort to eliminate bootlegging in "dry" West Virginia, Senator Collter will propose in legislature amendment to the prohibitary law empowering county clerks to issue permits allowing the holders to have shipped to their homes not more than 2 quarts of whiskey and 4 quarts of wine or two dozen pints of beer, not oftener than twice a month percapita.

FOUR ECLIPSES OF SUN DUE NEXT YEAR

Greatest Number of Eclipses Possible in a Single Year Will Be Seen in 1917.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Four eclipses of the sun and three of the moon, the greatest number possible in a single year, will occur during 1917, according to officials of the naval observatory. The last year in which there were four eclipses was early in the last century and the next will be in 1935. There will be a total eclipse of the moon January 8th.

MAGAZINES WILL ADVANCE IN PRICE

Owing to Increased Price of Paper Leading Magazines Announce Advance in Price.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 30.—Several magazines of national circulation have announced an increase in the price of subscription, owing to the increased cost of white paper and other materials necessary in the printing and art work. Several of the smaller magazines in this city have suspended publication.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

August L. Kern and Mary Anna Pressnal.

Roy Howard and Selma Atkinson.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Last bulletin gave forecasts of disturbance to cross continent Jan. 4th to 8th, warm wave 3rd to 7th, cool wave 6th to 10th. This will follow several days of cold weather; temperatures will rise to a normal average and, following the storm, no severe cold wave is expected. While temperatures will rise and fall as usual, they will go up more than down and a week of warm weather is expected to follow the storm. Not much rain from Jan. 4th to 12th east of Rockies. Heavy rains are expected near our Northwestern Pacific coast during the first week of January; heavy snows and cold weather at same time in Northern Rockies.

Next warm wave will reach Vancouver about Jan. 10th and temperatures will rise on all the Pacific slope. It will cross crest of Rockies by close of Jan. 11th, plains sections 12th, meridian 90, great lakes and Ohio valleys 13th, eastern sections 14th, reaching Newfoundland near Jan. 15th. Storm wave will follow about one day behind warm wave and cool wave about one day behind storm wave.

Compared with other storms of this month this will be moderate, but its intensities will be greater than the average. In front of the storm the temperatures will go high near Jan. 13th and a cold wave will follow, not very severe. It will cause unusually heavy rains along North Pacific coasts and heavy snows in Northern Rockies. Not much rain or snow east of Rockies from this storm and the storm will lose force after it leaves the Rockies. This storm will be severe in Alaska, where deep snows are expected.

Precipitation of January will be deficient east of Rockies, excessive in Northern Rockies and on Pacific slope. Storms will be most severe during the five days centering on Jan. 1st, 20th and 30th; last date will bring a very severe storm and bad weather. Northern railroads will have trouble with blizzards and deep snows in Northern Rockies during the weeks centering on Jan. 20th and 30th. The Canadian plains and sections east of Rockies will get some of the January snows.

In all northern sections, where the soil freezes deeply, the amount of moisture now in the frozen soil is of much importance to next year's crops. As the spring thaws come that moisture will, if sufficient, sustain the crops till well into June; but if there is now only a small amount of moisture the crops will suffer in rainfall should be deficient in May and June.

Along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico truck farming begins in February and those farmers must determine their plans in January. All kinds of farming should be carried on in accord with future weather, for a dry season requires methods vastly differing from those necessary for wet seasons.

This is more important in that great rich soil country, the plains and sections east of the Rockies. The farmer who guesses at what the crop weather will be there takes a great risk and will miss it two times out of three. Our weather system will hit it at least two times out of three and therefore it will never pay any farmer to rely on crop weather being close to the common average. It is almost certain to be materially above or below the average.

YEAR'S GOLD IMPORT OVER 684 MILLION

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 30.—The year's gold imports reached the enormous total of $684,700,000. This is the greatest amount ever entering the United States in a single year.

DR. W. H. LAWRENCE

DENTIST

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Terrible Croup Attack Quickly Repulsed By Old Reliable Remedy

Well known Georgia store keeper has mastered croup and colds for his family of ten with Foley's Honey and Tar Compound.

The minute that hoarse terrifying croupy cough is heard in the home of T. J. Barber, of Jefferson, Ga., out comes Foley's Honey and Tar Compound—there's always a bottle ready. Here's what he says: "Two of my children, one boy and a girl, aged eight and six years respectively, had terrible attacks of croup last winter and I completely cured them with Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. I have ten in family and for years I've used Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and it never fails."

Banish worry and save doctor bills—keep Foley's Honey and Tar Compound always on hand, in your home. One bottle lasts a long time—it's reliable and safe—and the last dose is as good as the first. Get the genuine.

M. H. JAMES.

STILL TALKING PEACE BUT FIGHTING GOES ON

The Scandinavian Governments Have Sent Joint Note to Belligerents Favoring Wilson's Peace Note — Danish Socialists Endorse Wilson—Turkey's Note to Wilson Same as Austria's and Germany's.

London, Dec. 29.—The Scandinavian governments have sent a joint note to the belligerents supporting President Wilson's peace note.

Danish Socialists Approve.

London, Dec. 29.—A Copenhagen dispatch says the Danish Social Democrats have cabled President Wilson, expressing sympathy with his note addressed to belligerents, and express the hope that lasting peace will be obtained.

Turkey's Reply Received.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Turkey's reply to President Wilson's peace note has been received and is substantially the same as Germany's and Austria's.

Want More Vigorous Policy.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Socialistic Congress has adopted resolutions calling upon the government to pursue a more vigorous policy, both in military and economic action, so that the full resources of the country will be brought into play and the war terminated speedily.

Germans Made Night Attack.

Paris, Dec. 29.—German troops last night delivered an attack on a three kilimeter front between Hill 304 and Dead Man's hill, northwest of Verdun, the war office says. The French infantry and machine guns broke the attack, only one French trench south of Dead Man's hill being penetrated by a few hostile troops. North of Verdun a strong German reconnoissance was dispersed.

Entered French Trenches.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The Germans entered French positions on Hill 304 and on the southern slope of Dead Man's hill, the war office says.

French Schooner Sunk.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The French schooner St. Louis struck a mine December 26th and sank with the loss of three men, according to state department advices. The British tank steamer Paul Paix struck a mine last Sunday, but was towed into Swansea.

Two Steamers Sunk.

London, Dec. 29.—The British steamship Copsewood has been sunk and the Norwegian steamship Ida is reported sunk.

Entente Reply Ready.

London, Dec. 29.—The entente reply to the German note has been completed, but will be transmitted to all the allies before final delivery to Paris, probably next Wednesday. It will be forwarded to Germany through American channels.

The reply is much longer than the German note. It is officially believed the note will meet with satisfaction in Washington.

Russian Steamer Sunk.

New York, Dec. 29.—The Russian steamship Kursk, from Archangel for New York, with 126 passengers, hit a mine November 29th off Kirkwall. One passenger and two of the crew were drowned while the life boats were being launched. The others were rescued after drifting all night in open boats.

Germans Make Gains.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—In Rumania yesterday the Teutons captured several positions, taking 1,400 prisoners 18 machine guns and three cannon. The town of Ratchel in Dobrudja was captured.

THE RE-FORMATION OF A SOIL.

(By S. E. Asbury, Assistant State Chemist at Agricultural and Mechanical College.)

For such Texas farmers as were born and raised in the older states, and whose Texas lands are beginning to show the ill effects of too continuous cropping, it would be worth the cost of the trip for them to visit again the farms where they grew up. For the effect of following or laying out of land will be very strikingly brought home to them. The old gullied fields of their youth will be found now covered with pine forests. A rich mellow soil will be found where bare red hills were before. Most of the deep gullies they remember will be found little flat valleys covered with soil and trees and undergrowth. There may be other gullies, of course, but those they recall will be hard to recognize.

Such was my own experience in returning to my grandfather's farm last year after an absence of twenty-nine years. In 1886 there were great fields of broom-sedge cut deeply and often by gullies. In 1915 I did not see a single whisp of broom-sedge on my grandfather's place! These broom-sedge fields are now pine forests and the gullies are either gone or are mild affairs. For everywhere on the old farm old Mother Nature had done her work again. The sense of depleted old age was completely gone about the land, though it lingered about the old homestead. Instead, a feeling of the primeval, virgin country took possession of me. At this writing I only record that so it was. Perhaps in a later article I may try to explain this seeming miracle, this re-formation of a soil.

WE ALSO WISH YOU A "HAPPY NEW YEAR."

THE KIND OF MEDICINES AND TOILET ARTICLES YOU USE HAVE MUCH TO DO WITH YOUR HAPPINESS. OUR MEDICINES WILL HAVE THE "DESIRED RESULT," BECAUSE THEY ARE ALWAYS FRESH AND FULL STRENGTH

OUR TOILET PREPARATIONS WILL PRODUCE THE "DESIRED RESULTS," BECAUSE THEY ARE SCIENTIFICALLY PREPARED OUT OF PURE INGREDIENTS.

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GLOOMY DAYS AHEAD FOR TAX-PAYERS.

If any thoughtful citizen of the country doubts that the cost of the federal government is to become a paramount issue in the congressional elections of 1918, he must be strangely blind to present symptoms.

It seems that almost every day the estimate of the coming deficit swells.

A week ago it was indicated at 280 million dollars. Three days ago it was estimated at 300 million dollars, and in yesterday's dispatches it was stated at 370 million dollars.

That means that the deficit has been growing at the rate of more than a million dollars a day during the fiscal year.

And in order to make that good, we are told now that besides an issue of 125 million dollars in Panama canal bonds, there must be increased income and inheritance taxes, additional taxes on distilled and malt liquors, cigarettes and bottled waters, a higher tariff on tea and a duty on coffee for the first time in more than a generation.

And when additional income taxes are mentioned, that must mean a lowering of the present exemption of $3,000 and $4,000 to $1,000.

As the budget is destined to reach 1½ billion dollars, these heavier taxes are not temporary. They must remain.

Not only that, when national prohibition goes into effect, as Chairman Fitzgerald of the appropriations committee predicts, the 287 million dollars internal revenue now paid by distilled and malted liquors must be raised from some other source, which would mean for income taxes, since the present needs of the government require customs duties fixed upon the highest revenue-producing basis.

There are valid reasons for much of the increased expense. All fair-minded men will concede that, but they must also face the plain truth that much of our progressive nonsense has eventuated in the creation of useless boards, needless expenditures in many ways, to say nothing of the retention of the ancient abuses and extravagances now so deeply rooted in Washington that naught but a political upheaval of unprecedented power can destroy them.

Looking at the deficit, the prospective budget and the certainty of further levies upon the resources and toil of the people, with no movement whatever in the direction of retrenchment, it seems to us that the Democratic party is going to face a gloomy situation in 1918 when the control of Congress again becomes the issue before the people—Houston Post.

BUSINESS AND WAR.

The meaning of business and the full import of war is cleverly brought out by setting them one over against the other in the following paragraphs from the pen of C. A. Bowsher of Cleveland, Ohio:

War requires castes and kings. Business requires democracy.

War requires feeling and sentiment. Business requires thinking and principles.

War requires the operations of evil. Business requires the operations of the good.

War requires hate and madness. Business requires sanitay, service and good will.

War requires lying, deceit and espionage. Business requires truth candor and confidence.

War requires the misuse of logic, reason, science and philosophy. Business requires the use of logic, reason, science and philosophy.

War requires regulation by a prince of peace. Business requires regulation by a principle of peace.

War requires nations to struggle for world power. Business requires nations to federate into a world power.

War requires the making and the destruction of enemies. Business requires the making and the holding of friends.

War requires the promotion of wrong thinking. Business requires the promotion of right thinking.

War requires poverty, misery and woe. Business requires wealth, liberty and happiness.

War requires increasing sorrow with age. Business requires increasing happiness with age.

War requires death, destruction and distress. Business requires life, progress and prosperity.

War requires devolution and degradation. Business requires evolution and creation.

War requires the reactive and the destructive mind. Business requires the progressive and the constructive mind.

War requires energy to be expressed wrongfully and deficiently. Business requires energy to be expressed rightfully and efficiently.

War requires the performance of the biologic law. Business requires the performance of the psychologic law.

War requires syncretism and discord. Business requires synthesis and harmony.

War requires the glory of another world. Business requires the glory of this world.

War requires the cross and injustice. Business requires the scales and justice.

War requires rivalry and fear. Business requires reciprocity and co-operation.

War requires the cessation of business. Business requires the cessation of war.

War requires the help of God. Business requires the help of all mankind.

War requires greed and altruism. Business requires selfishness.

War requires hell. Business requires peace.

The brewers are making concessions which are almost equal to prohibition. They propose to reduce the alcohol in beer from 6 and 7 per cent to 2 and 3 per cent. To separate the sale of beer from the sale of whiskey. To do away with bars and serve this mild beer only at tables in places more like restaurants than saloons. They also propose to co-operate in the strict enforcement of all liquor laws. The brewers are modern Daniels, they have correctly interpreted the handwriting on the wall. They see the end. They are trying to make the act of final dissolution as long drawn out and gradual as possible.

Germany has made another great concession in the matter of promoting peace, by proposing to make known her terms, if that be necessary in order to secure the proposed peace conference of all the belligerent nations. Germany's original proposition as to a peace conference seems to the world as absolutely fair. Why not meet for a general discussion? If no agreement be reached, well and good, no nation is the loser, while on the other hand if an agreement should be reached all humanity would be blest. If the allies continue to refuse all overtures, the world will rise up one of these days and ask them the pointed question, WHY?

Every time we ride over our improved county roads and paved city streets we feel like going out and shaking hands with all the county and city officials, and also the taxpayers, whose joint efforts made these splendid thoroughfares possible.

Bullets in war are no respecter of persons. Statistics to the present time show that in the European war titled personages have been thinned out as follows: 258 counts, 567 barons, and 1,465 of the lesser nobility.

The salaries of secretaries to members of Congress have been raised 33 1-3 per cent, or from $1,500 to $2,000 per annum. It is openly charged that this salary is pocketed by many congressmen, and this is the milk in the cocoanut, or an explanation of the raise. If this government is not fast coming to be a government of officeholders, for the officeholders and by the officeholders, we would like to know the reason why.

Because Texas secured one of the twelve farm loan banks is no reason why Texas should repeal the homestead law. The homestead law, in the opinion of the Eagle, is one of the state's strongest bulwarks, standing as a protection to the best interests of the people. Home owning is being encouraged in every possible way, and a repeal of the homestead law would be to encourage the loss of homes through the proneness of men to borrow.

The question of taxation, or perhaps it would be better to say the question of reducing taxes, will be the paramount issue in the next state and national campaigns.

PROMISE YOURSELF—

(Upshur Vincent in Houston Post.)

That you will go to church every Sabbath.

That you will do your work cheerfully every day.

That you will obey the traffic laws of your city and your state.

That you will vote intelligently in every election that is held.

That you will be loyal to the concern which pays your wages.

That you will be economical but not stingy; careful but not close.

That you will not spit on the sidewalk, on the floor of any building, or in a street car.

That you will study every question which involves the welfare or your city and state.

That you will pay your doctor and your preacher as you do your butcher and your grocer.

That you will go to the right when walking on the sidewalk or through the door of a building.

That you will treat your wife with as much consideration as you did when she was your sweetheart.

That you will save some money every week and put it in a bank where it will aid your community.

That you will leave business worries in your office or workroom and go to your home happy and content.

That you will buy the products of your own town, your own county, your own state, wherever possible.

That you will not stop in the middle of a busy thoroughfare to hold a family reunion, thus blocking traffic.

That you will take part in every public enterprise which has for its object the upbuilding of your country.

That you will not speed through the streets and over country roads, endangering the life and limb of all who use them.

That you will become the owner of a home of your own, however modest it may be.

That you will make your home a place of beauty, where the children and their elders may be happy in the perfect content that comes only to those who are serving others.

That you will take an interest in the schools and endeavor to see that the boys and girls of your community get the full benefit of the educational facilities offered by the state.

That you will see ot it that rice, sweet potatoes and pure can syrup are on your table every day in the year—thus practicing true economy by consuming the cheapest food produced in your country.

That you will—but that is enough. The man who keeps these promises during 1917 will find at the next New Year's Day that he is a better man, a stronger man, and a happier man. And his family and the world will rejoice because of him.

WE THANK YOU.

On the first day of this glorious and promising New Year, the Eagle wishes to express its sincere thanks to every patron—subscription, job printing and advertising—for every favor, large and small, during 1916. We have done our best to promte the general welfare in every way possible, to faithfully chronicle all happenings, from the personal movements of our home people to matters of world-wide moment, and the words of commendation that have come to us from our friends vouchsafe to us the consoling thought that our labors have not been in vain.

With our faces set resolutely to the future, and with hope at flood tide, the Eagle enters the New Year with a firm resolution to be of greater service to Bryan and Brazos county than ever before, and to this end we ask the good will and continued co-operation of the entire citizenship.

We again thank you and wish for each and every one peace, prosperity and happiness for 1917.

The allies' reply to the Teutonic powers, with reference to the German peace proposal, was released to the press Saturday night. The proposal for a peace conference was flatly refused on the ground that such proposal, without stating any terms, was more of a war maneuver than a peace measure. The reply said in part: "A mere suggestion without a statement of terms that negotiations should be opened is not an offer of peace. The putting forward by the imperial government of a sham proposal lacking all substance and precision would appear to be less an offer of peace than a war maneuver. It is grounded on calculated misinterpretation of the character of the struggle in the past, the present and the future."

Governor James E. Ferguson Sunday extended a New Year wish or greeting to the people of this state, in which he was extremely brief, but gave words of wisdom and counsel that will be approved by all and which all should follow. He said: "With the advent of the new year let everybody resolve to help each other wherever possible; spent less than they make and don't knock."

Brenham's cotton mill, with a Bryan boy as manager, is the pride of Brenham and all Washington county. We have other young men here, graduated from A. and M. College, as this young man was, who are capable of making a success of a cotton mill or any other enterprise. The prospect is so good and there is so much money in Bryan and Brazos county, the Eagle believes the project is worthy an effort by the Commercial Club to put it over.

With the interurban and the splendid paved roadway between Bryan and A. and M. College, completely removing all distance, it should not be long before the two places are shaking hands with each other.

How we do look after our friends, the "we" in this case being all of us, of course. As secretary of state, Mr. Bryan named Austin J. Collett as director of public works in Santo Domingo, which country we are now governing by martial law! Mr. Collett is a son-in-law of Jim Dahlman, the cowboy mayor of a Nebraska town. Dahlman is described as a "shouting Bryanite." How we do look after our friends.—Waco Times-Herald.

"Looking after our friends" bids fair to be the rock on which this government will be wrecked. Paying political debts by creating places for our political friends has increased taxes and other expenses until the country has been brought to the verge of bankruptcy. Old Jones cannot stand it much longer and when he quits paying the freight, the wheels of government will stop stone still.

A late official decree issued in Mexico to the effect that a person must become a citizen of that country to own land, mining, oil and coal properties, is a step in the right direction. It should go a step further and prohibit the monopoly of the lands, mining and mineral properties of Mexico even by citizens of that country. Land monopoly is largely responsible for the unrest and turmoil that have disturbed Mexico for ages. The poorer classes cannot own land under existing conditions and it has made Mexico a land of peonage and semi-slavery. The cure for Mexico's ills, in our opinion, is homes for the people and the building of tens of thousands of school houses.

The constitutional amendment voted on in the November election, permitting school districts to tax themselves as high as $1 on the hundred, was defeated. Its defeat is regretted and will prevent any forward movement by the schools in many progressive communities in Texas. The result is conclusive proof, however, that the taxpayers of Texas are still cautious on the question of increased taxes and bond issues.

Carranza is holding out for the recall of the Pershing expedition before he will sign the Atlantic City protocol or anything else. The presence of American troops on Mexican soil is a thorn in the flesh that will produce irritation as long as they remain. We must either get out or prepare for everlasting dickering and more or less hostile clashing.

There are already five hundred applications for positions in the farm loan bank to be located in Houston, including the lieutenant governor of the state and other prominent citizens. The supply of patriots who are willing to serve their country does not seem to be anything like exhausted.

Woodrow Wilson has made the first move for peace at the psychological moment. When the expected bluster is over, and it is now rapidly subsiding, the belligerent nations of Europe will be falling over each other to get in the peace band wagon.

An official of the Standard Oil Company says there is enough crude oil left, visible and invisible, to last 136 years. With such an immense supply it is just a little difficult to understand why the price continues to advance.

Seed selection, both corn and cotton, is the first battle. With this fight won the rest will be easy and the results reasonably sure. Too much importance cannot be placed on seed selection.

Cotton mills are profitable at other places in Texas, why would one not pay in Bryan? The matter is worthy of investigation.

FLOUR MILL BUSY.

The Eagle was informed by Mr. Jordon T. Lawler this morning that the Lawler mill is now operating a day and night shift, made necessary by the large number of orders coming in. These orders are both from Bryan and other places and attest the high quality of the flour being turned out from the Lawler mill. It requires a large amount of wheat to keep the mill running on a double shift and more than eight thousand bushels were received last week.

WAS VERTEBRA OF ELEPHANT.

The petrified curiosity that was left at the office of Judge J. T. Maloney some few days ago by Mr. August Straub of the Kurten community was viewed last week by Dr. M. Francis of A. and M. College and pronounced by him to be the vertebra of an elephant. Dr. Francis says that no doubt more bones of this animal could be found by excavating in the same locality where this was procured.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. HERBINE is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength, vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by all dealers.

SOCIETY

Surprise Shower for Mrs. Love—

A beautiful demonstration of love and affection was shown Mrs. O. B. Love on Wednesday afternoon when members of the Eastern Star Chapter assembled at the handsome home of Mrs. E. W. Crenshaw and gave her a surprise miscellaneous shower. This pretty surprise had been kept profound secret from the lovable honoree, she having been invited to spend a social hour with the hostess, and when she arrived and found these friends present she was overwhelmed with astonishment and wholly unprepared for the surprise that awaited her.

The holiday spirit was effectively observed in decorations and appointments, bright Christmas foliage and blossoms showing in artistic arrangement. The crisp air made a big, cheerful fire the most attractive spot in the library, and here the guests were delightfully entertained with a program of Victrola music furnished by Master Sam Crenshaw and Master Herman Leftwich of Fort Worth.

The tea table in the dining room was overspread with a handsome crocheted cloth and the central position thereon was assigned to a white enameled basket that held a graceful blooming plant. Tea and coffee were served from silver urns with typical Christmas delicacies.

Concluding the refreshment course the guests returned to the comfortable library, where Miss Annie Dearing, the popular matron of honor of this organization, in her pleasing manner recited the following lines:

"Several years ago there came to Bryan a good woman who was almost unknown to Bryan people. But she was not long a stranger. Her sweet Christian character made its influence felt, and she soon numbered her friends by the score. Bryan Chapter No. 222, O. E. S., was fortunate enough to secure the membership of this good woman, and in this chapter her intelligence, experience and zeal made her an indispensable factor in the work. Her willingness to serve in any capacity, her ever ready counsel in matters of perplexity, and her unbounded enthusiasm have been an inspiration to the members and have done much toward bringing the chapter to its present successful state.

"This beloved member of the O. E. S. has met many people in Bryan; but one day she met a most disagreeable maid named Misfortune, who took away her home and all its treasured contents. These can never be replaced. But a new home can be started. And as a very slight expression of our appreciation and sympathy and love we, the members of Bryan Chapter No. 222, present to Mrs. Love the contents of this basket. May it be a little bit of help in furnishing a new home."

The expression on the honoree's face was one of pleasure and surprise and she very feelingly spoke her thanks to all.

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Mrs. Floy Dansby Receives—

That which must be regarded as one of the most beautiful affairs of this season was the exquisitely detailed and handsomely environed reception given Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Floy Dansby.

The Dansby home lends itself gracefully to occasions of this sort, the spacious rooms, splendid entrance hall and superb furnishings making an effective setting for the gathering of beautifully gowned guests. On this occasion the whole house was en fete, with myriads of flowers, and the lights from the elegant crystal electroliers lent brilliancy to the ensemble.

The guests on entering received first greetings from Miss Sue Josephine Jarrott of Fort Worth, who in sweet manner opened the door, and dainty Miss Nancy Moore in the cozy vestibule pulled back the handsome velvet curtain admitting the callers into the hall, where they received that ever gracious welcome that awaits one in this home. Graceful ferns and a profusion of pink carnations arranged in crystal vases showed their beauty in every available space in this room. Receiving with the hostess were her sisters, Mrs. S. K. Morley and Mrs. H. B. Granberry of Austin, Mrs. Sue Barnes of Fort Worth and Mesdames J. O. Chance, L. L. McInnis, R. H. Seale, Ed Hall, A. J. Buchanan, A. M. Waldrop and E H. Astin.

In the library adjoining were potted ferns and generous clusters of pink carnations, the delicate lines blending with the warm coloring of hangings and floor coverings. Giving cordial greetings here were Mrs. A. Benbow, Mrs. L. L. Click and Misses Malcolm McInnis, Corinne James, Allie Conway, Lucile Morley and Mary McInnis.

The dining room was a dream of decorative beauty in sweetpeas and valley lilies, these delicate blossoms filling receptacles of artistic design. The handsome circular table was overspread with an elaborate tapestry cloth, while a large mound of pink sweetpeas, valley lilies and ferns held central placing, folowing in outline that of the table. Brick cream in the prevailing tints was served with individual white iced cakes with pink embossing in a rose design. Coffee was also served. The following sweet and charming young girls received and welcomed the guests: Misses Pauline Seale, Myrtle James, Della Lawrence, Aubrey Wilkerson, Frances Hall, Ara Haswell and Mary James.

The distant strains of an Edison machine, presided over by Mr. Fred Lyall, made a musical echo to the hum of voices, and a hundred and fifty ladies called during the receiving hours between 3 and 6.

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Engagement Announcement—

That Cupid had made his way into one of our prominent homes was disclosed last evening at Temple Freda, when Miss Mary Kaczer announced in a sweet and novel manner her engagement. To the pure white scented carnation was delegated the mission of bringing the message to a few friends gathered together for regular Sabbath prayers. Immediately after the services each member of the congregation was asked to draw from a huge bowl a flower, to the stem of which was tied with a white ribbon a small envelope containing the two cards, Miss Mary Kaczer, Mr. Benjamin H. Hirschensohn, Washington, D. C. The surprise was a complete one and an effusion of congratulations, in which joy mingled with tears, was showered upon the charming and happy bride-elect, who needs no further eulogy.

Mr. Hirschensohn is a graduate engineer of Stevens Institute of Technology and of Columbia University. He is at present in the government employ at the bureau of standards, Washington, D. C.

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Family Reunion—

At the home of Mrs. James Edge a Christmas family reunion was held. The dining room of this spacious home was a scene of beauty. The dining table held the admiration of all, overspread with Christmas dishes containing turkey, salads and other Christmas dainties.

In the living room the Christmas spirit was given hearty recognition, permeating the attractive home atmosphere, and here Christmas foliage and blossoms gave happy embodiment to cheer and good will of the holiday season.

The hospitality takes a foremost rank among those of the season, being complete and harmonious in each detail of service and preparation.

Those present were: Mr. John Edge and family, Mr. Sim Edge and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Edge of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edge of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Holmes and son, Mr. Jim Flanagan of Palestine, Rev. J. J. Tatum and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee May and son of Ennis, and Mr Willie Holmes.

GIVEN A. AND M. BLANKETS.

Seventeen Men Awarded T's Were Given Blankets.

Men who were given letters in football for the season just closed will receive Aggie blankets. The blankets will be red with white T's, like those which were presented last year to the letter men. The blankets will be given to the football men by the A. and M. band.

The band gave its annual concert just before the close of school for the holidays, making enough to purchase the blankets, which have been ordered. There were seventeen letter men.

The A. and M. band, which is composed of thirty-five pieces, will make a concert tour of Southwest Texas during the spring months. B. P. Day is director and G. B. Hanson of Tyler is captain of the band.

Pleurisy pains are located just below the short ribs. Lumbago affects the same region, but toward the back. BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT is the remedy in either case. If rubbed in thoroughly it eases pain, relaxes the muscles and the patient can move about freely and comfortably. Price 25c, 50c and $1.00 per bottle. Sold by all dealers.

FLOUR AND GRAIN STORE MOVED.

The Wichita Mill and Elevator Company, Ed Martin manager, began moving today from the location next to the Eagle office to its new location north of the Lawrence Grocery Company. The new location has been renovated and repaired and Mr. Martin invites all his customers to come and see him in his new quarters.

PLEADED GUILTY TO THEFT.

George Miller, the negro arrested a few days ago by Deputy Sheriff Morehead, charged with stealing an axe from Will Battle, pleaded guilty today before Judge J. T. Maloney and was fined $1 and costs, with one hour in jail.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers had as their guests during the holidays Mrs. Myers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooke of Waco. Mr. Cooke returned to Waco yesterday afternoon and Mrs. Cooke is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry Hudson, in Caldwell.

J. T. Swanson of Navasota was a visitor in Bryan yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kinnard returned to Caldwell yesterday afternoon after spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. P. A. Tardy.

F. L. Henderson went to Houston yesterday.

Arnold and Branan Leverton went to Houston yesterday afternoon to spend a few days with relatives.

Dr. W. H. Oliver and little children, Jane and Billie, are spending a few days with relatives in Caldwell.

J. W. Sheppard was in the city today from his home near Kurten.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Johnson of Beaumont are guests of Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. J. N. Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Levy are spending the holidays with relatives at Helena, Ark.

C. A. Jenkins of Wixon was in the city today.

J. H. White, Sr., was in the city today from his home at Wixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lum Benson of Call are visiting relatives here and at Wellborn.

Commissioner M. B. Easters wes in the city today from Kurten.

Henry Benbow of Harris school House was in the city today.

Jim Tobias was in the city today from his home in the Kurten community.

W. T. Horton of Reliance was in the city today.

T. B. Smith was a visitor to the city today from Reliance.

J. H. Ferguson and R. H. Carroll were in trading from Harvey today.

August Straub and Otho Williams were in town today from their home in the bottom.

Miss Onah Astin and Miss Eugene Edge are visiting friends and relatives in McKinney.

O. A. Ashworth of Fort Worth is spending a few days in Bryan on business.

Sam B. Wilson went to Dallas today on a short business trip.

Mrs. M. E. Weaver left yesterday afternoon for Memphis, Tenn., to spend several weeks with her mother, Mrs. C. B. Sims.

Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Flinn went to Cameron today to visit relatives.

F. D. Perkins returned to McKinney this afternoon after visiting relatives in Bryan.

W. B. Cannon of Caldwell is spending a few days with friends in Bryan.

George Lee has returned from Houston, where he spent Christmas with relatives.

L. M. Hewitt is here on a short business trip from Navasota.

Mrs. John Sharp Williams, Jr., and little daughter, Pauline, arrived this afternoon from Benton, Miss., to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Webb.

Paul Swancoat returned today from a short trip to Houston.

Judge V. B. Hudson went to Calvert this afternoon.

J. C. Cloud was in from Reliance today.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Myers, Miss Viola Myers and Mrs. Estelle Sisson returned last night from Cameron, where they spent Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. J. G. Conn, Prof. and Mrs. J. T. Conn and family and Miss Arsula Conn motored over this morning from Madisonville to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Brown were in from College today shopping.

Prof. and Mrs. O. F. Chastain and daughter, Miss Bess, were among the visitors from College this afternoon.

G. B. Hensarling was in the city today from Wellborn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Horton were in shopping today from Reliance.

J. D. Goen and Lester Goen were visitors today from Harvey.

Mrs. Mamie Wynn Cox and son Adair Cox, of Dallas, and Wynn Lay of Harlem are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Haswell.

W. H. Buchanan of Kurten was in the city today and called on the Eagle.

Paul Merka was in the city today from Benchley.

FRIDAY.

Joe Pasler returned to Hearne today after a business trip to this city.

Judge W. J. Moore was down today from his home near Benchley.

W. E. Graham was a visitor to the city today from his home on Rock Prairie.

W. E. Gandy of near Wellborn was in town today.

A. B. McSwain of Rock Prairie was looking after business matters in the city today.

J. M. Williams was in the city today from his home on Green's Prairie.

John Eden of Coleview was a visitor to the city today.

Mrs. H. T. Coulter and little daughter, Helen, returned to Rockdale today after a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coulter.

Douglas Howell is spending a few days with Frank Seale at Benchley.

Alonzo Carter went to Hearne this afternoon on a short business trip.

J. A. Pope returned to Thornton this afternoon.

Miss Hattie Tucker and little Jane and Billie Oliver returned from Caldwell today, where they had been the guests of relatives for a few days.

Miss Sarah Williams went to Benchley this afternoon to visit Miss Almira Dunn for a few days.

Miss Mary James returned from a visit to Houston this afternoon.

Mrs. Bell Chatham and little daughter of Mexia are visiting Mrs. F. E. Chatham of this city.

Earl Graham is here from Houston for a visit to relatives.

Mrs. A. W. Cloud and Miss Artie Smith were in shopping today from Reliance.

J. M. Olsen and C. M. Risinger were in trading today from Steep Hollow.

C. R. L. Jones, Guy and Roy Blanton were visitors today from Harvey.

Miss Gladys Kyle of Saltillo, Miss., is visiting her uncle, W. P. Means, and aunt, Mrs. J. S. Byars of Independence.

W. F. Atkinson and daughter, Miss Grace, and E. E. Yeager of Iola came over today to meet Mrs. Claud Coward and Mrs. W. C. Robertson of McGregor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Goodson were in shopping today from their home in the bottom.

Mrs. R. L. Smith and Miss Wealthy Smith were visitors from Smetana today.

Mrs. P. P. Smith of Waxahachie is in the city visiting her daughter Mrs. T. N. Herring on 24th street and is at the bed side of her grandson Henry Smith, who is quite ill.

SATURDAY

Mrs. John Dreher returned to Navasota yesterday afternoon after a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sanders.

Carroll Harris and Sam Parker went to Houston yesterday.

C. L. Eden left yesterday afternoon for Houston on a short business trip.

Miss Josephine Windhauser returned to Caldwell yesterday afternoon after spending a few days in this city as the guest of Mrs. L. H. Suber and family.

The Campus Club will keep open house at A. and M. College Monday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock, and the Woman's Club of Bryan has received a cordial invitation to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cole left last night for West, where they will make their home in the future.

Prof. R. O. Allen went to Houston yesterday.

Father Gleissner went to Hearne and Calvert this afternoon on a short visit.

Leslie Von Rosenberg of Halletsville is visiting friends in Bryan for a few days.

Miss Lurline Houston went to Hearne this afternoon to visit friends for a few days.

J. L. Hensarling and son, Abraham, were here from Wellborn today.

Mrs. W. B. Hughes and little daughter returned to Hearne today after a pleasant visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Bethea.

L. L. Chappelle and W. C. Boyett were in Bryan today from College.

Mrs. D. D. McAlpine arrived this afternoon from Courtney for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Coulter Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brewer and daughter, Miss Ruth, returned to Houston this afternoon after visiting relatives in this city.

Mrs. S. S. Bean and family returned to Fort Worth today after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Taylor.

J. E. Bullock and Turner Crenshaw were in town today from Steep Hollow.

Noah Cole has returned from South Texas, where he had been on a duck hunt.

Prof. J. L. Cobb was in the city today from his home at Tabor.

Mrs. Goree Neeley and Misses Lucile and Mina Graham were visitors today from Wellborn.

Thurman Smith and Jack Crenshaw were in trading today from Reliance.

Mrs. P. A. Reed, Mrs. Otho Matthews, Mrs. John Preston and Miss Floy Larkin were visitors today from Hearne.

Mrs. Ed Carll and daughter, Miss Dimple, were here shopping today from Wellborn.

Prof. J. E. Batson is back from Normangee, where he spent the holidays at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith were among the visitors today from Reliance.

John Scasta was a business visitor from Wheelock today.

Ernest Moore of Edge was attending to business matters here today.

Mrs. R. E. Jones and son, Paul, were in the city today from their home at Steep Hollow.

John Riley was among those here today from Reliance.

Tolbert Bullock was in trading today from Steep Hollow.

T. P. Hall of Steep Hollow was in the city today.

Herman Wehrman of Smetana was in the city otday.

Lon Williams of Green's Prairie was in town today.

Paschal White is up from Houston on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. White.

J. J. Vandiver was a visitor today from Steep Hollow.

J. D. Martin is visiting relatives in Hondo.

A. A. Dean of Tabor was in town today.

Victor Andrews of Harvey was in town today.

A. W. Dyess was a visitor to the city today from Harvey.

Joe Walker of Alexander was in town today.

Sam Dunn was in the city today from Wheelock.

Henry Dixon and Jess Moore were business visitors to Bryan today from Wheelock.

John W. Hicks was in today from Relience.

R. S. Newsom, manager of the Koppe & Robinson plantation in the bottom, was in town today.

MONDAY.

C. B. Hudson went to Houston Saturday afternoon on a short visit.

Miss Maybelle Allen of Calvert is the guest of Miss Mary Oliver Roberts for the New Year hospitalities.

Dr. and Mrs. Elzee Jones and little child have returned to Texas City after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren T. Withers of Houston are spending a few days in Bryan visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Withers.

J. W. Dean went to Navasota yesterday afternoon.

M. H. James went to Houston Saturday afternoon on a short business trip.

Mrs. Ivan Boyett and little daughter, Mary Louise, have returned from Ennis, where they spent the holidays.

Joe Spell went to Hockley yesterday to spend New Year's day with friends.

R. M. Gordon returned to Houston yesterday afternoon after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Saunders.

Miss Cecile Mistrot arrived yesterday afternoon from Waco to visit friends in Bryan.

C. A. Harris has returned from a business trip to St. Louis and Chicago.

Mrs. Trent Newton and little children, Velma and Trent, Jr., returned to Rockdale yesterday after a two weeks' visit to Mrs. N. R. Newton and family.

Miss Margie Gay returned yesterday afternoon to Houston after a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. W. S. Wilson, Sr.

Miss Irma Collins returned yesterday afternoon from Marshall, where she spent the holidays with friends.

Mrs. W. F. Taliaferro and children returned to Beaumont yesterday afternoon after visiting Judge and Mrs. W. G. Taliaferro.

Wynn Lay returned to Houston yesterday after a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Haswell.

W. J. Higgs returned this morning from a business trip to Kansas City and St. Louis.

J. M. Kincannon of Harvey was in the city today.

Mrs. A. W. Cloud returned to her home at Crosby this afternoon after visiting relatives at Reliance.

J. R. Smith of Reliance was in the city today.

Ralph Rudasill and family of Cottonwood were visitors in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reese and children returned Saturday afternoon from Denton, where they spent the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Walton Peteet went to Waco this afternoon for a visit to friends.

Miss Evelyn Sanders returned to Rusk today to resume teaching in the Rusk Academy, after spending the holidays in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sanders.

A. A. Dean was in town today from his home near Tabor.

Ross Brogdon of Montgomery is visiting friends and relatives in this city.

Miss Lilac Jones and Miss Bernadine McKnight returned to Denton today to resume their studies in C. I. A. after visiting their parents in this city during the holidays.

Miss Mattie Sloane arrived this afternoon from Navasota to spend a few days as the guest of Miss Erin Blatherwick.

Misses Lillie Fae Sanders, Lucy Harrison, Bettie Lee Thornhill, Ardella Jones and Adeline Flagents returned to Denton last night to resume their studies in the College of Industrial Arts, after spending the Christmas holidays in this city.

Mrs. P. P. Smith of Waxahachie, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. N. Herring, returned home this afternoon.

TUESDAY.

C. C. Dulaney was in the city today from the Parker school community.

John S. Smith was in the city today from Harris school house.

J. M. Conway of Steep Hollow was in the city today and paid the Eagle office a pleasant call.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Robertson of El Paso departed for their home today after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bullock of Prospect.

John Dyess of Harvey was in the city today.

George Dixon was up today from Wellborn.

J. D. Goen was a visitor to the city today from Harvey.

W. J. Lang was in town today from Kurten.

T. B. Martin of Steep Hollow was looking after business matters in the city today.

C. H. B. Graham of Harvey was in town today.

Dr. F. H. Blodgett of Fort Worth is attending to business in Bryan and College.

Warren Yates arrived last night from Montgomery to join his wife in a visit to her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Pipkin.

R. E. Cole of Fort Worth is visiting relatives and friends in Bryan.

Arnold Leverton left last night to resume his studies in Marion Institute at Marion, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Fisher returned from Marlin yesterday afternoon, where Mrs. Fisher has been for some time in the interest of her health.

Misses Frances and May Rucker of Navasota are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Roberts in this city.

Mrs. J. M. Olsen returned yesterday afternoon from a visit to relatives in Waco and Marlin.

Mrs. R. K. Chatham has returned from a visit to relatives in Hannibal, Mo.

Miss Winnie Thomas returned to Houston yesterday afternoon after spending the holidays in this city with her mother, Mrs. S. E. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bullock, who have been visiting relatives in Franklin, returned yesterday.

Miss Ora Conway returned to Houston yesterday afternoon after spending the holidays in this city with relatives.

Dr. W. B. Bizzell and family of A. and M. College are in the city visiting friends and relatives.—Navasota Examiner.

Miss Nellie Batte returned to Waco yesterday afternoon after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Batte of this city.

Prof. E. S. Lawler arrived from Waxahachie yesterday, where he spent the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McAdams are visiting Mr. McAdams' parents at Bedias.

George Echols was in the city today from Rosprim.

H. J. Schaffly returned to Carlyle, Ill., today after spending Christmas with Mrs. G. S. Parker. Mrs. Schaffly will continue her visit for a few days with her mother.

Mrs. C. C. Marrett returned to Fort Worth this afternoon after a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Walthal.

Walton Cole, Conn Gibbs, Jess Cook and Misses Aubrey Wilkerson, Pauline Seale, Ida Wipprecht and Lillian Hanneman returned to Austin today to resume their studies in the State University after spending the holidays with relatives in Bryan.

Miss Florine Batte went to Dallas today to present to Buckner Orphans' Home the liberal Christmas gifts donated by the people of Bryan. She was accompanied by Rev. J. J. Pipkin.

Mrs. A. W. Kinnard of Caldwell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. A. Tardy, in this city. Prof. Kinnard, who is connected with the extension department of A. and M. College, has been transferred to Huntsville and Mrs. Kinnard will join him there in a few days.

Miss May Belle Allen returned to Calvert this afternoon after attending the Elks' New Year's dance. She was the guest of Miss Mary Oliver Roberts.

Lawrence Clark, who has been visiting relatives in this city, returned to his home in Waco this afternoon.

Whit Doremus returned today from Houston.

Miss Sudie Isgitt has returned from Madisonville to enter school in Bryan.

Dick Blanton of Harvey was a business visitor to Bryan today.

L. M. Haltom of Benchley was in the city today attending to business affairs.

W. H. McVey of Minster Springs was a visitor in Bryan today.

Chester Williams has returned from Buna, where he visited relatives during the holidays, to re-enter school.

E. E. Wilson of Tabor was in Bryan trading today.

Mrs. C. O. Watkins and Mrs. J. D. Blackwell were shoppers in the city today from College.

Miss Irene Ferguson returned to Hearne this afternoon after a visit to Mrs. G. S. Parker.

Mrs. B. U. Sims returned this afternoon from a visit to relatives in New Orleans.

John Riley and family were in today from Reliance.

R. E. Blatherwick of Dalhart is visiting his sisters, Miss Erin Blatherwick and Mrs. J. Tom Smith.

W. D. Evans of Madisonville was here today to enter his son, Dallas Evans, in Allen Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Anderson of College have returned from Houston, where they spent the holidays with relatives.

T. A. Hensarling and George Williams of Coleview were in Bryan on business today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Andrews of North Zulch were shopping in the city today.

Clifton and Cliff Magness, Aldon Lang and Arthur Moore of Madisonville re-entered B. B. A. today after spending the holidays with relatives.

J. A. Tobias of Kurten was in the city today and called on the Eagle.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

H. H. Gammill and Bessie Smith.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Gus Plagens and wife to A. W. Stevens, 2 acres in John Hope survey, consideration $12.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by HERBINE. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by all dealers.

BREEDING FOR WINTER EGGS.

(By F. W. Kazmeier, Poultry Husbandman, Extension Service, A. and M. College of Texas.)

To get winter eggs one of the prime requisites is that the stock be hatched at the proper time. Pullets make the best layers, but must be hatched early or they will not begin laying before eggs decline in price.

Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, Wyandottes, Orpingtons and Sussex may be hatched in January, February and March. The Leghorns, Anconas, Minorcas, Spanish and Andalusians may be hatched in March and April.

The medium weight breeds, to produce winter eggs, should be hatched early.

Now is the time to mate the breeding stock to provide fertile eggs by January and February.

Hens make better breeders than pullets.

Do not breed from the entire stock.

Select a few of the most promising individuals and breed from these alone.

Do not breed from weak or sick individuals.

Hens that lay in November and December are the best layers in the flock. Breed from them.

In selecting the breeders, remember that condition, all vigor, is one of the most important factors.

Select birds with a short head, stubby beak, prominent eyes, long, broad back, strong legs set well apart, smooth and glossy plumage and a fiery red and well developed comb. The male bird that proves the best fighter and can crow the loudest and longest, if he possesses the other necessary characteristics, may be placed at the head of the breeding flock.

Keep pure bred stock because it may be kept at a greater profit.

Allow the breeding flock free range.

Confine or dispose of all males except those used for breeding purposes.

Cull the flock carefully once a month and dispose of all drones and weak individuals.

Green feed in the form of green oats, rye, wheat, collards, cabbage, sprouted oats, alfalfa, clover, beet pulp or any other form of green, succulent vegetation will aid in keeping the stock healthy, make them lay and cut down the feed bill.—A. and M. Extension Farm News.

LUMBER AND BIULDING MATERIALS.

LUMBER, SHINGLES, SASH, DOORS, ETC.—Complete house bills shipped anywhere. Examination allowed. No advance required. Grade and count guaranteed. Send estimate. Independent Co-Operative Lumber Co., Lake Charles, La., "The Home of Long Leaf Pine."

AFFRAY CAME HIGH.

Jack Perry, a white man, pleaded guilty this morning in Justice W. W. Gainer's court to an affray and was fined $1 and costs, amounting to $14.75.

AUTOMOBILE REGISTER.

458—Edgar Jones, Buick, Bryan, Texas.

CHIEF ENGINEER HAS GAINED 40 POUNDS

Almost Lost Hope of Getting Well. After Taking Tanlac Feels Better Than He Has in 25 Years.

"Tanlac, to my mind, is the greatest and grandest medicine in the world," said O. H. Mahaffey, chief engineer of the Life and Casualty building, Nashville, Tenn.

"I have taken eight bottles," he continued, "and have actually gained forty pounds in weight, and feel stronger and better than I have in twenty-five years.

"For two years I have suffered with the worst kind of stomach trouble and indigestion, and fell off in weight from 210 pounds to 162. I am now back at 202, which is almost as much as I weighed before I was taken sick. About six weeks ago I got awful bad off, and called on the doctor, and he told me I had an ulcer of the stomach, and if I was not careful it might turn into cancer. He gave me some medicine. It didn't seem to get any better, and was afraid to eat anything except a little oatmeal and sweet milk, but in spite of everything I could do, I just kept going down hill, and got weaker and weaker every day. I got so disheartened one day I told my employer it looked like I would have to throw up my job. I was trying to hold on though as long as I could, for I had a family to support, and I made up my mind that just as long as I could drag myself around I would stick it out.

"One day my wife told me what she had read in the papers, and what the neighbors were saying about Tanlac, and begged me to try it. She had read about a man who had taken it, who described my case exactly, and he was getting lots better, but I had tried all kinds of medicines, so I didn't have much hope of it doing me much good. Besides, my doctor had already told me I would have to be operated on in order to get relief. Something just told me, though, it might help me, and I decided to try it.

"After I had taken it a day or two I got so hungry I just simply had to eat, and I did eat, and you can believe me or not, nothing seemed to hurt me a particle. My wife said to me, 'Tanlac must be helping you,' and I said, 'I guess it is from the way I am eating.'

"It wasn't long before those awful pains in my stomach and the small of my back began to leave. Then I noticed I began to sleep better, and I would get up in the mornings full of life and ready to work. The medicine seemed to take hold quicker than anything I ever saw, and braced me right up. I am telling all my friends about Tanlac, and hope everybody will hear about it."

Tanlac is sold in Bryan by Read & Stewart.

RECOVERED COTTON LOST BY STORM

Bolls Scattered By Storm Were Recovered Uninjured When the Grass Was Cut.

(By Associated Press.)

Victoria, Tex., Dec. 29.—Portion of the ten thousand dollars worth of cotton scattered by last August's storms were recovered on the McFaddan plantation when the grass was cut in the meadows near the cotton field. The bolls undamaged were found under the grass.

STRICKLAND WON MATCH.

In the wrestling match last night at the Young Men's Athletic Club, Oscar Strickland, Bryan's local wrestler, defeated Kid Bernard of Omaha, Neb. The first fall was secured in 8 minutes with a double arm lock hold and the second in 6 minutes with a cradle hold.

BROUGHT BACK DEER.

Wallace Peverley spent his Christmas holidays hunting with friends near Uvalde, and as a result brought back a great big buck this morning. He left Friday night and joined E. B. Flowers and Leslie Flowers at their big ranch near Uvalde. Deer in that section, according to Mr. Peverley, are plentiful but very wild. The men there think nothing of killing deer, but Wallace never dreamed that it would be his good fortune to kill two as fine bucks as you ever saw. He only shipped one home on account of the high express rates, and will divide this among his friends as far as possible. The buck brought home weighed 175 pounds on foot and was shot at a distance of 200 yards with a 30-30 Winchester, the ball penetrating the animal's entire body.

GERMANY IS WILLING TO STATE HER TERMS

Will Not Let That Stand in the Way of Securing a Peace Conference—Would First Communicate Same Privately to President Wilson—Does Not Ask the Ententees to Make Their Terms Public.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—It has been made known that Germany will not permit peace negotiations to be blocked by a refusal of the entente belligerents to enter a conference without prior knowledge of their terms. The central powers are represented as willing to permit a confidential exchange of broad tentative terms through President Wilson, if it is necessary to insure a peace convention.

There are broad intimations that a statement of this position by Germany has either been communicated to the United States or soon would be. Germany is said to be looking to the United States to exert every effort to bring about a peace conference and is ready to consider any suggestion of President Wilson. It is said Germany has no intention of asking the entente allies to make public their terms and will not publicly divulge her own under any consideration. Germany is represented as willing to impart her terms in a confidential manner first, if that is necessary to obtain the conference. The official note does not differ materially from the unofficial.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Germany's answer to President Wilson's note and the promptness with which it was made caused a good impression generally in the press. Anti-American newspapers dissent, however, holding interference of any kind by America is intolerable.

Page Confers With Sonnino.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Ambassador Page today conferred with Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister, regarding President Wilson's note, emphasizing the friendly spirit which prompted the President to address the belligerents.

Will Not Retire.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Administration papers in Budapest deny the report published in the papers that Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, is about to follow Baron Durian and Dr. Von Koerber into retirement.

Note an Evasion.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The German reply to President Wilson's note is regarded as an evasion by the Lausanne Gazette. It says if the note merely gave the terms of peace it would "throw full light on the responsibility for a continuance of the war."

Wish Wilson Success.

The Hague, Dec. 28.—A flood of cablegrams are being sent to President Wilson by trades unions, social welfare societies, religious societies and others, wishing him success in "his effort to bring about peace."

Germany Replies to Switzerland.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—The German reply to the Swiss note, similar to the reply to President Wilson, was handed to the Swiss minister today.

Hungarian Note to Switzerland.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—A Vienna dispatch says the Austro-Hungarian government answered the Swiss note by transmitting a copy of the note sent to President Wilson.

French View of German Note.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Morning newspapers are unanimous in pronouncing the German answer to President Wilson's note a polite refusal to comply with his suggestions.

Eight Airplanes Lost.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Eight airplanes were lost by the ententes in yesterday's fighting on the western front, the war office says. The defeat of the Russo-Rumanian forces by the invading Tutons has been completed and the Russians in attempting to regain lost ground were thrust back and ejected from their positions with heavy losses. The Austro-Germans took three thousand prisoners in yesterday's fighting.

JUDGE HARPER HAS RETIRED

Steps Down From Bench of Court of Chriminal Appeals and Departs for El Paso.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 28.—Judge A. J. Harper retired Wednesday from the bench of the court of criminal appeals and left during the afternoon for El Paso, where he has formed a law partnership with Hudspeth & Dale, the firm to be known as Hudspeth, Dale & Harper. Judge Harper's family will remain in Austin until June to allow his children to remain in school until the close of the term.

Judge Harper has served as associate judge of the court of criminal appeals six years, and will be succeeded by W. C. Morrow of Hill county, who will qualify and take the oath of office on the first day of 1917.

Before leaving for the West Judge Harper said that all of his business with the court of criminal appeals had been cleared, that there was not a single case left in his room for his successor. He said that during his six years as associate judge he handled an average of 48 per cent of the business of the court, a record of which he feels proud.

ANOTHER 8 MILLION FOR MORGAN & CO.

Gold Brought to United States Via Canada and Deposited in the Philadelphia Mint.

(By Associated Press)

New York, Dec. 29.—An additional 8 million dollars in gold has just arrived in the United States via Canada and has been deposited at the Philadelphia mint to the credit of Morgan & Co.

FOR SALE—One new six-blade stalk cutter, one good as new sulky plow, two mules and one horse, at rock bottom prices. See Charles E. Laske, Zack, Texas. d1w3

NEW RECORD MADE IN PANAMA CANAL

Liner Acajula Passes Through Canal in Six Hours and Twenty Minutes, Lowering the Record.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 29.—The record time for passing a ship through the Panama canal has been lowered to 6 hours and 20 minutes by the liner Acajula. This is 5 minutes better than the previous record.

STEEL PLANT SOLD FOR ELEVEN MILLION

Superior Steel Corporation Buys the Plant of Superior Steel Company at Carnegie, Pa.

(By Associated Press.)

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 29.—The Superior Steel Corporation has bought the plant of the Superior Steel Company at Carnegia, paying 11½ million dollars. Half is to be paid in cash and the remainder in stocks. The deal was made by New York and Philadelphia bankers and promoters.

MERCHANT SUBS TO CARRY MAIL

Special Postal Charges Will Be Made in Addition to International Postal Rates.

(By Associated Press.)

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The Deutschland and sister ships on future voyages will carry special mail at rates recalling those of the transcontinental post in the days of forty-nine. A special charge of 2 marks for post cards or letters not exceeding 20 grams weight will be levied in addition to the regular international postage. A similar charge is to be made for each additional 20 grams up to the maximum of 60 grame.

CHILD CLINGS TO BLACK MAMMY

Suit in Chicago in Which Negro Woman Contends for White Child Committed to Her Care.

(By Associated Press)

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The juvenile court is considering the plea of Camilla Jackson to retain the custody of Marjorie Delbridge, aged 14, white. The evidence showed the child's mother, an actress, who died in Jacksonville, Fla., charged the negress to rear the girl. The girl said she wanted to stay with "Mammy Camilla."

VILLA SECURED BIG LOAN.

Residents of Torreon Handed Over 100,000 Pesos to Leader.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 28.—Villa obtained a forced loan of 100,000 pesos from residents of Torreon after the recent capture of that town, a Mexican from Torreon reported here Wednesday. There was no looting, he said.

TORNADO SWEEPS OVER MISSISSIPPI

Lamar and Forest Counties in Worst Part of Storm—Much Damage, but No Deaths Reported.

(By Associated Press.)

Hattiesburg, Miss., Dec. 28.—A tornado swept over a portion of Lamar and Forest counties this morning, demolishing a number of buildings breaking telegraph poles and damag, ing standing timber, according to reports received here. No casualties have been reported.

GIANT PIPE LINE OF THE WORLD

Proposed to Build Same From Mexican Oil Fields to the Coast of England.

(By Associated Press)

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 28.—A project whose magnitude suggests the building of the Panama canal is being considered in Mexico, according to Vera Cruz newspapers which have reached the border recently.

This project is the building of a pipe line from the Mexican coast, probably with one terminal at Tampico, to the coast of England. The object is to pump oil from the fields of Mexico to the European terminal.

The cost of the oil duct, or "oleoducto," would approximate 10 million pounds sterling or approximately 50 million dollars.

While the plan has not yet been fully developed, the projectors assert that their proposition is feasible, that a flexible pipe line, the principal ingredient of which would be a species of gum, could be built whereby crude oil could be pumped at a cost of two shillings (25 cents) for each 1,000 miles.

Engineers, so the newspapers state, figure that a gum pipe line could be utilized capable of sustaining an internal pressure of 2,000 pounds to the square inch and an external pressure of no less than 10,000 pounds.

ARGENTINAS GRAIN HARVEST SHORT

Poorest the Country Has Ever Known and Is Said to Be Due to Drouth and Locusts.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Argentina's grain harvest this year will be the poorest that country has ever experienced. The shortage is due to drouth and locusts, the report shows.

BARTLETT TAKES M'CAY'S PLACE

(By Associated Press.)

Austin, Texas, Dec. 28.—Governor Ferguson today announced the appointment of Churchill Bartlett of Marlin as secretary of state, succeeding John G. McKay, resigned.

SIX PER CENT FOR RESERVE BANK

(By Associated Press.)

Richmond, Va., Dec. 28.—The Richmond Regional Reserve Bank declared a 6 per cent dividend for the period from January 1st to November 1st, last.

WILSON'S OFFICIAL MAJORITY 568.822

President's Support Increased From 6,293,019 in 1912 to 9,111,296 in 1916.

New York, Dec. 28.—Complete official returns on the presidential election show that Mr. Wilson received 9,111,296 votes and Mr. Hughes 8,547,474, a plurality of 508,822 for Mr. Wilson. In 1912 Wilson (Democrat) received 6,293,019, Taft (Republican) 3,484,956, Roosevelt (Progressive) 4,119,507.

The vote for Mr. Benson, Socialist candidate for President, was 750,000, with eight missing states estimated, against 901,873 for Debs (Socialist) in 1912, and Mr. Hanly (Prohibitionist) was 225,101, against 207,928 for Chifin (prohibitionist) in 1912.

The total popular vote for the four candidates was 18,638,871, as against 15,007,282 in 1912. This is an increase of 3,631,589, accounted for by the increased population and the woman vote in the new suffrage states. The following is a table showing the vote by states for Wilson and Hughes:

State—	Wilson	Hughes.
Alabama	97,778	28,662
Arizona	33,170	20,521
Arkansas	112,186	49,827
California	466,289	462,516
Colorado	178,816	102,308
Connecticut	99,786	106,514
Delaware	24,521	25,734
Florida	56,108	14,611
Georgia	125,831	11,225
Idaho	70,021	56,368
Illinois	950,871	1,152,216
Indiana	324,063	341,005
Iowa	221,699	277,656
Kansas	314,588	277,656
Kentucky	269,900	241,854
Louisiana	79,875	6,644
Maine	64,118	69,506
Maryland	138,359	117,347
Massachusetts	247,885	268,812
Michigan	286,775	339,097
Minnesota	179,152	179,544
Mississippi	80,383	4,253
Missouri	398,032	369,339
Montana	101,063	66,750
Nebraska	158,827	117,771
Nevada	17,776	12,127
New Hampshire	43,779	42,723
New JJersey	211,018	263,982
New Mexico	33,553	31,161
New York	756,680	875,510
North Carolina	168,383	120,890
North Dakota	55,271	52,651
Ohio	604,946	514,836
Oklahoma	184,123	97,233
Oregon	120,087	126,813
Pennsylvania	521,784	703,734
Rhode Island	40,394	44,858
South Carolina	61,846	1,809
South Dakota	59,191	64,261
Tennessee	153,695	116,114
Texas	285,909	61,949
Utah	84,025	54,133
Vermont	22,708	40,250
Virginia	102,824	40,356
Washington	183,388	167,244
West Virginia	140,403	143,124
Wisconsin	193,042	221,323
Wyoming	28,316	21,698
Total	9,116,296	8,547,474

SHOTS EXCHANGED ACROSS BORDER

Several Hundred Shots Were Fired Across the Mexican Border Today by Kentucky Soldiers.

(By Associated Press.)

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 28.—Several hundred shots were fired across the Rio Grande early today by Kentucky guardsmen in reply to shots fired from the Mexican side. There are no known casualties.

BARN BURNED.

A small barn on 22nd street, owned by Lee Morgan, colored, was entirely consumed by fire with all its contents late yesterday afternoon. No insurance was carried on the born or contents.

AUTOMOBILE REGISTER.

444—A. M. Waldrop, Hudson, Bryan.
445—Eagle Printing Company, Allen 37, Bryan.
446—H. C. Robinson, Studebaker, Bryan.
447—B. A. Huggins, Ford, Bryan.
448—D. D. Burkhalter, Ford, Bryan.
449—E. A. Spence, Ford, Bryan.
450—Fairman's Transfer, Ford, Bryan.
451—E. J. Kyle, Chalmers, College.
452—John K. Parker, Dodge, Bryan.
453—W. O. Hill, Dodge, Bryan.
454—Eugene Edge, Hudson, Bryan.
455—Mrs. W. P. Jones, Overland Bryan.
456—John Hensarling, Buick, Bryan.
457—J. O. Morgan, Chalmers, College.

STATE-WIDE BARBECUE PLANNED

To Be Held at Old Washington March 2nd, Texas Independence Day. Governor to Be Invited.

(By Associated Press.)

Austin, Texas, Dec. 28.—Plans are in progress for a statewide celebration and barbecue to be given at the town of Washington, Washington county, by the citizens of Brenham, according to Col. Charles L. Stowe, state superintendent of public buildings and grounds. The celebration will take place on the site of the first Texas capitol, built there when Texas was a republic.

The site, acquired by the state, has been converted into a state park.

The big barbecue is planned for March 2nd, Texas Independence Day. The governor, members of the legislature and state officials are to be invited.

PRESIDENT WILSON IS SIXTY TODAY

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Wilson is 60 years old today. No special celebration has been planned. Many congratulatory telegrams have been received at the White House.

ELECTORS TO MEET SOON IN AUSTIN

Will Arrange for the Taking of the Twenty Votes of Texas to Washington.

(By Associated Press)

Austin, Texas, Dec. 28.—The Democratic presidential electors will meet here on the second Monday in January for the purpose of making arrangements for the taking of the 20 electoral votes of Texas to Washington to be cast in the electoral college for Wilson and Marshall. One of the most important features of this meeting will be the selection by the electors of the messenger to carry the vote to Washington.

This messenger receives 20-cent mileage to and from the national capital and while he is engaged on official business he receives the compensation of a member of Congress. There now are two applicants for the place, Lloyd P. Lochridge, an Austin newspaper man, and Pat O'Keefe of Dallas.

ARRESTED FOR THEFT.

George Miller, colored, was arrested this morning by Deputy Sheriff Morehead on a charge of stealing an axe from the residence of Will Battle in the northern part of the city. Miller was lodged in jail.

MOVING TO GROESBECK.

Otto Budde and family of this city will leave tonight for Groesbeck to make their future home. Mr. Budde has purchased a bakery in that city.

WILL REDUCE RATES.

"Special Social Rates" on Telephones After January 1st.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 28.—On January 1st the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company will offer to its long distance patrons a new "special social rate" to apply on calls, other than by appointment, between the hours of 8:30 in the evening and 6 o'clock in the morning. This rate will be a reduction from the present schedule amounting to approximately 40 per cent for calls upon which the regular tariff is $1 or more. The reduction will be proportionately less on calls costing between 25 cents and $1. Announcement of the new schedule was made today in Dallas by Vice President J. E. Farnsworth.

PROGRESSIVES LOST OUT IN NEW YORK

Failed to Poll Enough Votes to Secure Legan and Official Recognition.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 29.—Progressives lost oficial recognition in New York State because they failed to poll the required number of votes in the recent election.

Wall street reaches the height of its shrewdness in refusing to issue an explanation of its actions of the past few days.—New York Evening Post.

STUDENTS LIVE ON SEVEN CENT MEALS

Berea College in Kentucky Mountains Makes New Record—Balanced Ration Used.

(By Associated Press.)

Berea, Ky., Dec. 29.—In order to prove that the cost of living has not reached every part of the country, Berea College, in the Kentucky mountains, is responsible for the statement that its fourteen hundred students are fed at a cost of 7 cents per meal, that they gained "several tons" in weight and that the boarding hall made a net gain of $559.49.

In explaining this record President Frost of the college refers first to the economy of numbers, some fourteen hundred students being in constant attendance in the five departments. Another explanation of the 7-cent meal is the fact that most of the students are accustomed to plain fare, so that they almost unanimously chose to go without tea, coffee and butter to reduce expenses. To offset these omissions the "balanced ration" has been introduced on the assumption that it is just as important for students as "for any other live stock."

MUST BECOME CITIZENS OF MEXICO

Decree to Be Enforced Requiring Foreigners to Become Citizens to Hold Title to Property.

(By Associated Press.)

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—A decree has been issued giving foreigners holding title to real estate, mining and oil properties and timber land until April 15th to resign their treaty rights so far as the properties in question are concerned. Formal application for such rights must be made in accordance with a recent decree issued four months ago, providing in effect that such foreigners must become Mexican citizens.

A GREAT CURIOSITY.

Petrified Head of Animal Left at the Office of Judge Maloney.

County Judge J. T. Maloney has on exhibition at his office the petrified head of some unknown animal brought to his office by Mr. August Straub, a prosperous farmer of the Kurten community. The head formation is perfect and the indentations for the mouth and eyes show distinctly. It was found on Cedar creek by Mr. Straub and left at the county judge's office to be viewed by the public.

BURLESON WOULD NOT BE DRAWN OUT

Postmaster General Conferred With Ferguson, but Is Silent on Race for Governor.

(By Associated Press.)

Austin, Texas, Dec. 29.—Postmaster General A. S. Burleson, who is spending a few days in Texas, Thursday had a conference with Governor Ferguson. The governor said the conference had no political significance, that the postmaster general merely brought the best wishes of the President to the governor. As to making the race two years hence for governor of Texas, General Burleson indicated he had no intention of entering Texas politics. He left the impression, however, that should there be a general demand he may give the matter consideration.

MARK SPOT WHERE HAMILTON FELL

Alexander Hamilton Institute to Mark Place of Famous Duel Between Hamilton and Burr.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 29.—The spot on the heights of Wehawkin, New Jersey, where Alexander Hamilton fell in the duel with Aaron Burr will be marked by a memorial to be erected by the Alexander Hamilton Institute.

REAL ESTATE.

J. W. James to Louis Park, lot 18, James addition, consideration $75.

STRAYED—From Parker upper place in Brazos bottom, dark bay mare mule, no brand; slit in left ear; shod in front; came from Madisonville, is trying to get back; $5 reward. Abe Brown, Pitt's Bridge. d304w15pd

RESOLVE TO WIN A CAR IN 1917

Be the best worker. Take a pace and keep that pace-making each day; show an increase above the day's pace that you hope to make. The wise contestant is the one that makes each week larger than the previous week. You should be the wise contestant.

Don't let anyone tell you that you have not a chance, for you have. It is the person that sticks that wins the race. Those who lack stamina always fail when the race gets warm. The contestant that determines to win and works to win is always rewarded well. Determine today that you will be one of the few that stay with the race till the finish. The winner is always the one with the determination, sand and grit to stick to a thing once started. Be the determined one, the person with determined caliber.

List of Contestants.

The following are the name of the people still in the contest. They are the ones with pride and stamina enough to stick to win. They wish the subscriptions of the public and many of them are determined to earn nice rewards before the close of the contest:

Miss Jennie McMillan of College.
Mrs. Nick Lobello of Bryan.
J. B. Gleissner of Bryan.
Miss Lavada Crenshaw of Bryan.
Miss Lillian Barron of Bryan.
Miss Lola Jones, Bryan, Route 3.
Miss Lillie Dowling, Bryan, Route 4.
Miss Carro Mae Edwards, Millican.
Miss Mae Belle Moore, Edge.
Miss Artie Lawless, Kurten.
Miss Levenia Franklin, Benchley.
Miss Inez Lavender, Iola, Route 2.
Miss Emgart Bethke, North Zulch.
Miss Dymple Carll, Wellborn.
Miss Mary Locke, Zack.
Miss Alice Lipscomb, Teague.
Miss Mabel Chaney, Mesa.

Winners of Special Prizes.

In the special prizes that were offered last week the following won prizes: Mrs. Nick Lobello, Miss Artie Lawless, Miss Jennie McMillan and J. B. Gleissner. Many others by a slight increase in effort could have done equally as well. They will have an opportunity to make good on the extra votes offered this week.

The Week's Offer.

Between the dates of December 30th and up to 6 p. m. (Friday) January 5th, 1917, we will award extra votes as follows:

12,000 extra votes to the contestant making the largest report.
10,000 extra votes to second largest reporter.
9,000 extra votes to third.
8,000 extra votes to fourth.
7,500 extra votes to fifth.
7,000 extra votes to sixth.
6,500 extra votes to seventh.
6,000 extra votes to eighth.
5,500 extra votes to ninth.
5,000 extra votes to tenth.
4,500 extra votes to eleventh.
4,000 extra votes to twelfth.

Only twelve places will be awarded, so be sure that your report goes high. You should make every effort to move up by this extra vote offer. It means that the best workers survive, as all good workers do.

Notice of Change.

Owing to the fact that many of the contestants wish to keep their reports out and that others wish to keep their votes secret, and other questions too numerous to mention, we have devised the following method by which we can tell how each contestant is running each week.

Each contestant, by a special letter sent out Saturday, was notified what his or her number would be. For example:

Contestant No. 3..... 1

means that contestant holding the number 3 is in first place. If position was noted by a 2 it would mean that that contestant stood in second place. From now on neither the votes nor the the number of each contestant will be divulged by the Eagle or the Contest Manager. If your number is told it will be your own fault or those to whom you have confided your number.

One chief reason for this is the fact that the Eagle wishes to keep the books up in shape and the new papers sent out as soon as possible from now on, and in order to do so we must have the reports each week. Holding back will do little good for the contestant under this new system and merely hampers the paper in mailing out subscriptions.

A ballot box is in the office and after each contestant receipts for his or her votes each week they will be given a vote certificate which is placed in the ballot box. The keys to the ballot box are on deposit at the City National Bank. All votes will be counted on the last night by the judges, who will be business men of integrity in Bryan. All reports will also be opened to the public after the close. In these reports will be tabulated just how each contestant won the votes each week. The Eagle feels that this new method will be a more pleasing way to the contestants and everyone can work and work hard without divulging their success.

Closing Date of Contest.

The contest will close on the first Saturday in February—February 3rd, 1917—and there will be no change of date. This is final and the contestants need not worry, no matter what many may tell you.

Standing of Contestants.

Below is the standing of the contestants under the new method. Each contestant received a letter today telling them their number. Opposite your contestant number is you present position in the contest. If you are wise you will work hard winning the prize ballot this week, thus moving upward toward a better position.

Contestant No. 4	1
Contestant No. 1	2
Contestant No. 3	3
Contestant No. 9	4
Contestant No. 6	5
Contestant No. 2	6
Contestant No. 12	7
Contestant No. 7	8
Contestant No. 10	9
Contestant No. 15	10
Contestant No. 11	11
Contestant No. 5	12
Contestant No. 14	13
Contestant No. 13	14
Contestant No. 8	15
Contestant No. 17	16
Contestant No. 16	17

No. 666

This is a prescription prepared especially for MALARIA or CHILLS & FEVER. Five or six doses will break any case, and if taken then as a tonic the Fever will not return. It acts on the liver better than Calomel and does not gripe or sicken. 25c

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Every Kirstin is guaranteed for 15 years, flaw or no flaw. Your money back if the Kirstin bond does not live up to its promise. The Kirstin method clears land from 10 to 50 percent cheaper than any other. We guarantee this, too.

For nearly a quarter century the Kirstin Horse Power Stump Puller has proved its superiority on Southern stump lands. Thousands of Southern farmers have been started on the road to prosperity by a Kirstin.

It is designed for Southern work and will pull anything it tackles, be it a thick, green pine, a deeply imbedded tap root or a field of hundreds of heavy stumps. The new triple power and automatic take-up enable it to perform the heaviest work with rapidity, certainty and without strain on man, horse or machine.

The One Man Puller gets the biggest stumps, too. Horses unnecessary. Double leverage gives you a giant's power; a push on the handle means a pull of tons on the stump. Clears an acre from one anchor and clears it ready for the plow.

Have used another well-known make of puller but don't like it as well as my Kirstin. The Kirstin triple power method is much better. I know because I have cleared over 100 acres.
—M. E. Whigham Enterprise, Ala.

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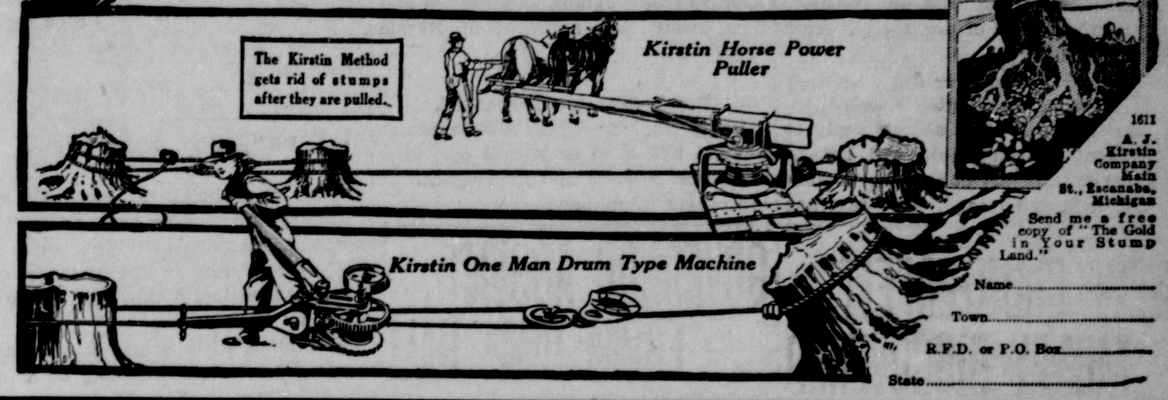

VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN FOR MORE GARDENS.

Industrial Congress Seeks to Lower High Cost of Living.

More vigorously than ever the Texas Industrial Congress in 1917 will urge the individual both in town and country to raise a garden. The high cost of living demands and makes it a necessity that every citizen do his part toward raising feedstuff for his family and conserving that already grown.

In bringing the garden idea to every home the State Federation of Women's Clubs will assist the congress by making it a part of their year's program. The work will be taken up through its lot improvement committees in cities and its rural life committees in the country. Along with the idea of civic beauty, already emphasized by the federation, the economic value of growing vegetables will be stressed. Lots on which flowers were grown this year will likely bear vegetables next year.

Speaking of the garden idea, Mrs. Fred Fleming, president of the Federation of Women's Clubs, says: "We are glad to co-operate and do our best to assist in any movement that is for the general good. This appeals to me as being in line with our work. It has a distinctly practical value. In fact it only means that we will have to broaden a line of work we have already been doing.

"I am glad to endorse the plan and in my January letter will bring it to the attention of our club members. In fact one of our chairmen has already suggested that where flowers were grown on vacant lots this year she will urge that vegetables be raised next year. Throughout various committees we can and will agitate the question in town and city so that the idea will be brought to the attention of practically every home."

Two main ideas in the garden campaign of the industrial congress for 1917 will be the all-year 'round garden and the most intensified gardening on each plot. Through correspondence the congress will aid in so far as possible every garden grower to get the best results.

The child has an opportunity to help the family in growing a garden. In 1914 a 10-year-old boy won the first prize in the contests of the congress by producing on a plot of ground 10 by 20 feet 573 pounds of vegetables, valued at $33.32, and what one woman did can be done by any other woman. On a plat of ground of less than one acre she raised $287.19 worth of vegetables, which is as great value as is often raised on a 15-acre farm planted in field crops.

The 1914 records of the congress show that the average school garden produced a net profit of $29.89. The average boy's and girl's garden produced a net profit of $92.93. The net profit per square yard for the school garden was a bit of 7 cents; for the boy's and girl's, nearly 10 cents; and for adults, a little over 5 cents. It will be noted that the boy's and girl's individual gardens excelled in net profit per square yard either school or adult garden.

DR. TINKLE'S
LIVEREZE
FOR CONSTIPATION
AT YOUR DRUGGISTS

NEW FEDERAL TAXES NOW EFFECTIVE

Emergency Revenue Was Provided For in Bill Enacted by Congress on September 8th.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—New Federal taxes on incomes, estates, munitions, manufacturers, corporation stocks, and certain businesses became effective with the new year, and revenue collectors are making effort to obtain early returns on these taxes provided for by an emergency revenue bill enacted by Congress on September 8th.

YOUNG MEN PLEADED GUILTY.

Two young white men from Dallas were arrested late Saturday afternoon near College by Constable Baker and Deputy Sheriff Morehead. The young men had been in South Texas on a hunting trip and when passing the residence of Mr. Ben Harrington, near Millican, one of them, it is alleged, shot and killed one of Mr. Harrington's choicest turkeys to replenish their well stocked game chest that they carried in their car, which already contained rabbits, quail and ducks. When arrested the turkey was found in their possession, cleaned and ready to be cooked. They paid their fine, which amounted to $59.50, and proceeded on their way to Dallas.

"How do I get to Flubdub's fish market?" "Follow your nose." "Follow my nose? Now that seems indefinite advice to give a man." "It is all right when hunting for a fish market."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The crown prince should cheer up. It's no disgrace to be defeated by Frenchmen.—Charleston News and Courier.

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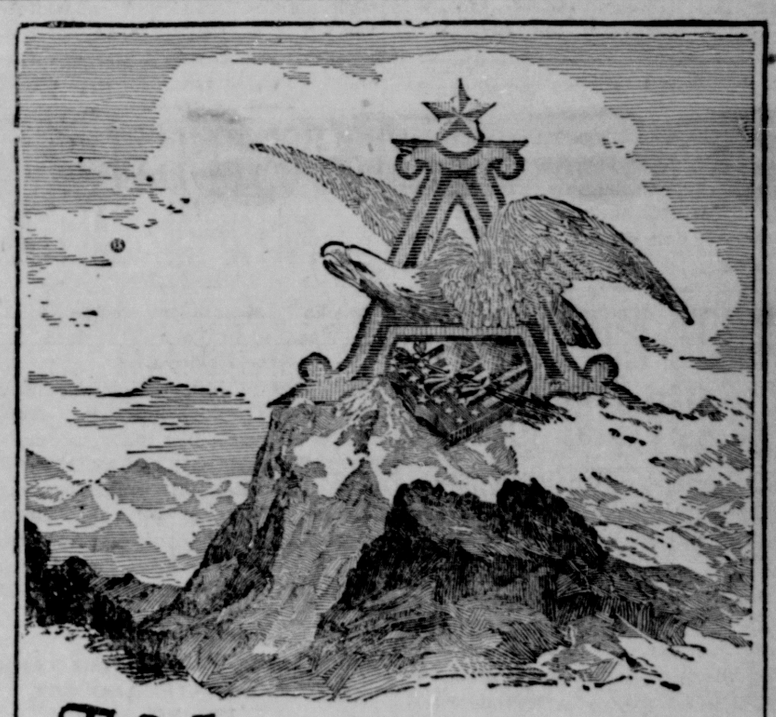

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TEUTONIC FORCES ARE SWEEPING ONWARD

Are Overrunning Russians and Rumanians in Several Provinces and Seriously Threaten a Portion of the Russian Front—Mackensen's Men Striking Strongest Blow of the War.

London, Jan. 2.—Further advances by the Teutonic troops in Moldavia, Wallachie and Dobrudja are the outstanding features of today's war news. Some of the heaviest blows of the war are being struck by Von Mackensen's armies and the threat to the northeast end of the Russian front seems serious.

Note to Washington Ready.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The alliess' reply to President Wilson's note will not be published until the end of the present week, it is understood. The text has been completed and is now being considered by the different cabinets.

The ententes' reply to President Wilson's peace not probably will be delivered shortly to Ambassador Sharp in Paris. It has already been approved by England and France and now awaits the approval of Russia and Italy.

Greek Steamer Torpedoed.

Brest, Jan. 2.—The Greek steamer Sappho has been torpedoed and nine of the crew were saved. The fate of the others is unknown.

NEW COUNTERFEIT MONEY DISCOVERED

Secret Service Authorities Announce Discovery of Counterfeit Ten Dollar Gold Certificate.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 3.—New counterfeit ten dollar gold certificate of nineteen seven series announced by secretary secret service. It bears check letter "A" and plate number nine and printed on two pieces of paper between which silk threads are distributed.

SENATOR LODGE ATTACKS BERNSTORFF

Incident Happened During Debate on Resolution to Endorse Wilson's Peace Note.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—During the debate today on the resolution to endorse President Wilson's peace note, Senator Lodge attacked German Ambassador Bernstorff for giving to the newspapers a statement approving the note. He said the statement gave the impression that it was now time to help Germany attain peace on the terms she desired. After a long debate action on the note was postponed.

WANTS MONEY TO PAY FOR ISLANDS

Lansing Holds Conference With Senator Stone Regarding Cash for Danish West Indies.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 3.—Secretary of State Lansing today conferred with Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, urging that Congress soon provide the 20 million dollars to pay for the Danish West Indies.

VILLA FORCES WERE DEFEATED

Lost Over Four Hundred Men, Much Ammunition and Other War Material.

(By Associated Press.)

Queretaro, Mexico, Jan. 3.—It is officially reported that General Eduardo Hernandez defeated the Villa forces at La Junta, capturing 440 men and much ammunition, including six thousand shrapnel shells.

U. S. CROPS IN 1916 BRING NINE BILLION

Texas Leads All States in the Union, According to Report of Department of Agriculture.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Crops of the United States brought 9 billion dollars last year and Texas led all the states, the department of agriculture said today.

GOVERNOR ABSENT FROM OWN BALL

Flordia Governor Formerly a Baptist Preacher and Would Not Attend Inaugural Ball.

(By Associated Press.)

Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 2.—Florida's inaugural ball will take place tonight without the governor and his family being present. Governor Catts formerly was a Baptist minister and is opposed to dancing. No punch will be served.

WOULD PUT BAN ON ELECTION DONATIONS

Eliminate Contributions From Corporations and Lower Amount for Presidential Candidates.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The new corrupt practices bill, limiting total contributions in presidential campaigns to $1,500,000, holding individual contributions to $5,000 and absolutely prohibiting contributions by corporations, was laid before the Senate elections committee today for approval.

AREDONDO LEFT NATIONAL CAPITAL

Mexican Ambassador Designate a Washington Took Departure for Mexico City.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Elize Arredondo, ambassador designate from Mexico, said good-bye today to Secretary of State Lansing and tonight will leave for Mexico City. The reasons for his departure are not clear, though he recently denied being withdrawn. Ramo P. Dengri, consul general at San Francisco, takes charge of the embassy.

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LOST—Shall sorrel horse mule; when last seen had chain on foot; $10 reward. Notify Gid Powledge, Bedias, Texas. d10w16

K. P. OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Brazos Lodge Knights of Pythias No. 64 installed the following officers last night:

R. S. Webb, Jr., vice chancellor.
J. D. Mann, Prelate.
Joe B. Reed, Master at Arms.
J. M. Hare, Master of Exchequer.
Joe B. Reed, Master of Finance.
H. S. Locke, Keeper of Records and Seals.
L. B. Maddox, Inner Guard.
S. L. Boatwright, Outer Guard.
F. McGee, Master of Work.
F. L. Henderson, Trustee for two years and J. W. Payne, Representative to Grand Lodge.

Julius B. Christian is the newly elected chancellor commander was not present for the installation.

HARVEY HAPPENINGS.

Well, Christmas is over and I'm sure old Santa Claus did not forget anyone.

The fifth Sunday meeting began Friday night at the Baptist church with a good attendance.

Will Raines and wife have returned from a short visit to Mrs. J. M. Rusk of Big Thicket.

Mrs. Charley Goen and son, Clarence, of San Marcos, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ferguson.

Mr. S. G. Harris of Hungerford, Texas, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones and family. The trip was made by automobile.

Mr. A. P. Buchanan has purchased a new Metz car.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pate and little daughter, Elizabeth, of Dallas, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Pate.

Miss Ess Jones has returned to Hungerford after spending Christmas with home folks.

Misses Anna Mae Yardley, Lena Ford, Arlie Dyess, Ruth Weedon, Messrs. Nall Graham and Bruce Dyess left last night for Huntsville to reenter school.

CORRESPONDENT.

PROSPECT POINTERS.

With the holidays past, all are thinking of beginning work anew. The farmers and school children seem to realize that this is the time to get busy, accordingly they have begun work in earnest.

Our quiet little school has opened again after a brief vacation of a few days. There was a Christmas tree given by the school on Saturday, December 23rd. A very interesting and appropriate program was rendered in connection with the tree. Such speaks for itself about the character of the work being done by the faculty and pupils.

The health of the community is normal, there being only a few cases of bad colds.

We have had our share of dry weather in this section of the county. This is the first time the writer remembers seeing tanks and creeks dry this time of the year. The three foggy days perhaps mark the close of this dry spell.

Mr. Craig Bowman of Benchley spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beal.

Mr. Amzy Bullock and Walter Jones of Steep Hollow were visitors in our midst Sunday.

Miss Lela Beal spent a few days last week visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Bond of Bryan.

Rev. J. C. Thomson, who is attending school in Dallas, was here to fill his appointment Sunday. Owing to the bad weather only a small crowd was out to hear him.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barnett, Jr., visited relatives at Steep Hollow Saturday and Sunday.

CORRESPONDENT.

BUSINESS CHANGE.

C. Wheeler, brother of Rev. C. C. Wheeler, has purchased the retail grocery business of Merka Bros. on the Allen Smith block. The trade is already effective and the new proprietor in charge. Mr. Wheeler proposes to carry a complete line of clean, fresh groceries and extend his patrons prompt service and courteous treatment. He has the best wishes of the Eagle for success.

BIG REAL ESTATE DEALS.

That the real estate market is again becoming active in this locality is evidenced by several large deals that have been made during the past few days. Among the transfers noted is the following:

M. F. Dansby to L. Stephan, two story brick business house on Main street, occupied by Philip Germer, consideration $13.250.

Charles Todaro, Joe Todaro and Mrs. Rosa Chapetta to B. Sbisa one story brick on Zanetti block occupied by Sam Buchanan's restaurant, consideration $4,500.

The Brazos botton plantation in Burleson county known as the Chew place also changed ownership twice during the past week, the consideration in each instance running high up into the thousands. As the papers were recorded in Burleson county, the exact figures as to number of acres, and price paid could not be secured.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Our mailing lists and carrier routes on both daily and weekly issues are being corrected as rapidly as possible.

New subscribers' time will date from time papers begin to be delivered, which will in every case be as soon as proper records are made, lists corrected, etc.

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Edith—I don't intend to be married until after I am 30. Maud—And I don't intend to be 30 until after I am married.—Boston Transscript.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Brazos County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of Henry Whitesides, Bolen (sometimes written Bowlin, Boland, Bolin and Bowling) Whitesides, William Dunlap, Maria Millican, Julia Ann Millican, William Lyttle Millican, R. G. Millican, William Millican, Loretto Emeline Millican, Priscilla Adeline Millican, Pleasant D. Millican, James W. Millican, Barrett Travis Millican, William L. Millican, Lucinda Millican White, Minerva Millican Vest, Essena (sometimes written Assena) Evetts, James H. Evetts, Loretto Dunlap, W. Dunlap, John M. White, Minerva Thomas, Eason C. Thomas, Priscilla Adeline Barker, James Adison Barker, M. J. Curd, Ezekiel Curd, Jessy J. Vest, Francis A. Vest, Minerva Thomas (who is the daughter of Minerva Thomas above mentioned), Zelpha Thomas, Diadem Thomas, E. C. Thomas, S. S. Vest, Elliott M. Millican, James H. Vest, William H. Cunningham, A. L. Gardner, Sarah E. Gardner, T. J. Starkey, Hester M. Starkey (sometimes written Slarkey and Starker), A. J. Christian, Mary Jane Christian, Hugh Cunningham, Robert Cunningham, G. H. Cunningham, J. L. Cunningham, W. L. Abbott, Joseph Cunningham, W. R. Cunningham, Etta Cunningham, John C. McDavid, Julia Ann McDavid (sometimes written Julia An McIdaid), Julia McDavid, Daniel McCaskill, J. T. Moore, John Leonard, Anne Leonard, Edward Leonard, Ellen Leonard, Matthew Leonard, John G. Millican, Tom Moore, Margaret Moore, Thomas Boone, Susan Boone, W. T. Grant, W. J. Grant, W. F. Grant and D. Wenar (sometimes written Weanor), the heirs and legal representatives of each and all of said unknown heirs, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day thereof in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where there is a newspaper published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Brazos County, Texas, to be holden at the Court House thereof in Bryan on the first Monday in March, A. D. 1917, the same being the fifth day of March, A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1917, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 7435, wherein Ward Templeman is plaintiff and the unknown heirs of Henry Whitesides, Bolen (sometimes written Bowlin, Boland, Bolin and Bowling) Whitesides, William Dunlap, Maria Millican, Julia Ann Millican, William Lyttle Millican, R. G. Millican, William Millican, Loretto Emeline Millican, Priscilla Adeline Millican, Pleasant D. Millican, James W. Millican, Barrett Travis Millican, William L. Millican, Lucinda Millican White, Minerva Millican Vest, Essena (sometimes written Assena) Evetts, James H. Evetts, Loretto Dunlap, W. Dunlap, John M. White, Minerva Thomas, Eason C. Thomas, Priscilla Adeline Barker, James Adison Barker, M. J. Curd, Ezekiel Curd, Jessy J. Vest, Francis A. Vest, Minerva Thomas (who is the daughter of Minerva Thomas above mentioned), Zelpha Thomas, Diadem Thomas, E. C. Thomas, S. S. Vest, Elliott M. Millican, James H. Vest, William H. Cunningham, A. L. Gardner, T. J. Starkey, Hester M. Starkey (sometimes written Slarkey and Starker), A. J. Christian, Mary Jane Christian, Hugh Cunningham, Robert Cunningham, G. H. Cunningham, J. L. Cunningham, W. L. Abbott, Joseph Cunningham, W. R. Cunnningham, Etta Cunningham, John C. McDavid, Julia Ann McDavid (sometimes written Julia An McIdaid), Julian McDavid, Daniel McCaskill, J. T. Moore, John Leonard, Anne Leonard, Edward Leonard, Ellen Leonard, Matthew Leonard, John G. Millican, Tom Moore, Margaret Moore, Thomas Boone, Susan Boone, W. T. Grant, W. J. Grant, W. F. Grant and D. Wenar (sometimes written Weanor), are each and all dead, and the names of his, her and their heirs, and the names of the heirs of each and all of said parties, their heirs and legal representatives, are unknown to plaintiff.

That, on to-wit, the first day of December, A. D. 1916, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the following lands and premises, situated in Brazos County, State of Texas, to-wit:

Tracts of land set aside to Mrs. G. E. McFerrin in the partition of the estate of G. W. Harrington, deceased, recorded in Book N, Pages 360-361, of Probate Minutes of Brazos County, Texas.

Tract No. 1. To Mrs. G. E. McFerrin, wife of William McFerrin, being out of the William Millican and H. and B. Whitesides League in Brazos County, Texas, beginning at the N. E. cor. of the J. D. Thomas 366 acre tract a stake from which a hackberry mkd. D. brs. S. 69 W. 13 vrs. (other old bearing tree gone); thence N. 63 W. 1236 vrs. and cor. on the W. line of the William Millican League; thence N. 25 E. with said league line 860 vrs. and cor. with S. E. cor. of J. A. Steele tract a stake from which an elm 30 in. dia. mkd. X brs., S. 25 W. 20 vrs. and a hackberry 14 in dia. brs., N. 42 E. 19 vrs; thence S. 89½ W. at 460 vrs. a stake from which a pecan 14 in dia brs., S. 14 E. 5 vrs. and a pecan brs. N. 3 vrs. (both mkd X) at 548 vrs. edge of slough stake for cor.; thence up slough with its meanders S. 23½ W. 160 vrs. S. 13½ W. 151 vrs. S. 210 vrs. S. 14¼ E. 66 vrs. S. 9¼ W. 72 vrs. and cor. on N. line of Cely Washington 42 39-100 acre tract; thence S. 65 E. 18 vrs. and cor. with J. N. Boyles tract; thence E. 29 vrs. and cor. a stake being S. E. cor. of Edwards 11 acre tract; thence S. with the W. line of the Edwards 71 acre tract 592 vrs. to William Millican W. League line and cor. a stake on said line; thence S. 25 W. 70 vrs. and cor. on the N. line of the I. & G. N. right of way where said league line crosses same; thence S. 71 E. 1257 vrs. along line of the said right of way and cor. on same where the E. line of the J. D. Thomas tract crosses same at the E. end of culvert; thence N. 25 E. 408 vrs. with said Thomas line to the place of beginning, containing 181 acres of land more or less.

Tract No. 2. Beginning at the S. E. cor. of the Gardner 43 acre tract in the post oaks a P. O. 12 in dia. mkd. T. brs. N. 45 W. [illegible] and a post oak brs. S. 50 W. 10½ vrs; thence W. 330 vrs. to a stake for cor. being the S. W. cor. of said Gardner tract from which a hickory 20 in dia. mkd. N. brs. N. 62 W. 4 3-5 vrs.; thence S. 369 3-10 vrs. and cor. a stake from which a hickory 14 in dia mkd N. brs. S. 79 W. 10 2-5 vrs. Thence E. 330 vrs. and cor. on J. A. Steele W. line at a stake from which a hickory 12 in dia mkd X. brs. N. 4 W. 10 3-5 vrs. and a stooping post oak 20 in dia mkd X brs. S. 12 W. 9½ vrs.; thence N. with W. line of said tract 369 3-10 vrs. to the place of beginning, containing 21½ acres of land in the H. and B. Whitesides League in Brazos County, Texas. And the same property that was conveyed to Ward Templeman by W. I. McFerren and wife, Mrs. G. E. McFerren by deed dated Aug. 31st, 1916, of record in Vol. 45, Page 218 of the Deed Records of Brazos County, Texas, to which reference is made.

That on or about the day and year last aforesaid, the said defendants entered upon said premises and unlawfully ejected plaintiff therefrom to his damage in the sum of Ten Thousand ($10,000.00) dollars and in addition to his fee simple title which he has to said land, he and those whose estate he owns have had and held peaceable and adverse possession of said land and premises, cultivating, using and enjoying the same and paying taxes thereon, holding and claiming under deeds duly registered for a period of more than five years after the accrual of the cause or causes of action of each and all of the said defendants, if any they have, and continuously for more than five years next before the filing of this suit and that plaintiff and those under whom he claims has had and held peaceable and adverse possession of said premises, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for a period of more than ten years next after the accrual of the cause or causes of action of each and all of the said defendants, if any they have, and for more than ten years continuously next before the filing of this suit, and plaintiff specially pleads the statute of limitation of five and ten years in support of their title to said property.

Plaintiff prays for process, for judgment, for restitution of the above described premises, for damages, that he be quieted in the title to said land and that he have general and special relief, to which he may be entitled, either in law or in equity.

Herein fail not but have you before said Court at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. W. Barron, Clerk of the District Court of Brazos County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court in office at Bryan, Texas, this the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1917.

(SEAL) J. W. BARRON,
Clerk of the District Court In and For Brazos County, Texas.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Brazos County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of J. T. Robinson and of Eli Wickson, both deceased, and the heirs and legal representatives of each of said unknown heirs, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Brazos County, to be holden at the Court house thereof, in Bryan, Texas, on the first Monday in March, A. D. 1917, the same being the 5th day of March, A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1917, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 7436, wherein O. L. Tabor is plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of J. T. Robinson and Eli Wickson, both deceased, and the heirs and legal representatives of each of said unknown heirs, are defendants, and said petition alleging in substance as follows:

That plaintiff is a resident of Brazos County, Texas; that said J. T. Robinson and Eli Wickson are dead; that the names and residences of their heirs and the heirs and legal representatives of such heirs are unknown to plaintiff; that heretofore, to-wit: On September 1st, 1916, plaintiff was in possession of a certain tract of land, holding the same in fee simple; that on said day and year said defendants entered upon said premises and unlawfully ejected plaintiff therefrom, and withholds from the plaintiff the possession of same, to his damage in the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00); that said tract of land is described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the County of Brazos, and State of Texas, and being a part of the Eli Wickson survey in said Brazos County, Texas, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake set on the northeastern boundary line of said Eli Wickson survey, which said stake is N. 45 W. 120 vrs. from the west bank of the Navasota river, which said stake is also the most eastern corner of a tract of land now owned by said O. L. Tabor; thence S. 45 W. 2000 vrs. and corner with the southern corner of O. L. Tabor's tract, a post set in Buzzard Roost lake for corner, said corner being on the southwestern boundary line of said Eli Wickson league; thence S. 45 E. 3560 vrs. and cross old river; thence with the same course to the west bank of the Navasota river and corner a stake for corner; thence up said river with its meanders to the northeast line of said Wickson league; thence N. 45 W. with said league line 120 vrs. to the place of beginning, containing 700 acres of land, more or less. Same being all of the land in said Eli Wickson league lying and being situated between the other tract of land now owned by said O. L. Tabor and the Navasota river.

That in addition to plaintiff's fee simple title by record in and to the above described tract or parcel of land, plaintiff alleges and shows that he and those whose estate he owns have had peaceful and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same and paying the taxes thereon, and claiming under deeds duly registered for five (5) years continuously next after the cause of action, if any, of said defendants accrued, and continuously for five (5) years before the filing of this suit, and that plaintiff and those under whom he claims have had peaceful and adverse possession of said above described tract and premises, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for a period of more than ten (10) years continuously next after the cause of action, if any, of said defendants accrued, and before the bringing of this suit, claiming the same under deeds duly recorded.

And plaintiff specially pleads the Statute of Limitation of five (5) years and ten (10) years in support of their title to said above described tract or parcel of land.

That the said defendants are asserting some sort of claim or title in and to said premises, the nature of which is unknown to plaintiff, but plaintiff denies that they or either of them are entitled to any such title or claim, and allege that such claim is a cloud upon plaintiff's title.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays that citation issue in the terms of the law to said above mentioned defendants, and they be served by publication and that upon a hearing hereof an attorney be appointed by the Court to represent said defendants; and that plaintiff recover judgment for the title and restitution of the above described land and premises and for the quieting of his title thereto, and for damages as aforesaid, and for such other an further relief, both general and special, to which they may be entitled in law and in equity.

This action is brought as well to try title as for damages.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, J. W. Barron, Clerk of the District Court of Brazos County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Bryan, Texas, this the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1917.

(SEAL) J. W. BARRON,
Clerk District Court, Brazos County.

ITALY MAKES AUSTRIAN TROOPS WORK

Since Entering the War Italy Has Conquered Much Territory and Taken 85,000 Prisoners.

(By Associated Press.)

Rome, Jan. 3.—From 30 to 43 Austrian divisions are kept engaged along the Italian front, says an official communication issued Tuesday. The statement adds that since Italy entered the war she has conquered 1,200 square miles of territory, shortening her war front from 500 to 375 miles, with an aggregate of 1,875 miles of entrenched lines.

War material is being manufactured by 2,179 Italian factories employing 469,000 workers, including nearly 73,000 women.

The Austrian prisoners now number 85,000, the statement asserts.

FALLING TREE CAUSES DEATH.

Jacksonville, Texas, Jan. 3.—W. P. Welborn, a well known farmer living four miles north of here, was killed yesterday by a falling tree while engaged in chopping wood. He was 56 years old and is survived by his wife and three grown children.

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MEXICAN MATTERS ARE FAST COMING TO HEAD

President Wilson and American Members of the American Mexican Commission Are to Confer Today—Mexican Consul at New York Arrested for Conspiracy to Ship Arms to Vera Cruz.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—President Wilson will confer at 5 o'clock this afternoon with Secretary Lane and the other members of the American-Mexican commission.

Mexican Consul Arrested.

New York, Jan. 3.—Juan T. Burns, Carranza consul general here, was today arrested, charged with being in a conspiracy to ship arms and ammunition to Vera Cruz in violation of President Wilson's embargo of October, 1915.

Queretaro, Mexico, Jan. 3.—Felix M. Palau, a prominent public instructor, who has often spoken for Carranza, told the constitutionalist convention today that the international situation was grave. He said Carranza had refused to resume conferences with the United States until the troops were withdrawn from Mexico unconditionally, and declared the assembly must work on the constitution and program the rights of the people, while Carranza is battling against the enemy to save the national honor and integrity.

AN IMPORTANT BUSINESS CHANGE

Hillyer-Deutsch Lumber Company Succeeded by the Howell Lumber Company.

One of the most important business changes noted in Bryan in many months became effective on January 1st, when the Hillyer-Deutsch Lumber Company was succeeded by the Howell Lumber Company. The new firm is composed of Dr. J. W. Howell and W. S. Howell. The business will be incorporated under the laws of the state of Texas and application for a charter has already been made. As soon as this is secured organization will be perfected and directors and officers will be elected.

This extensive business concern again becomes a home institution, being owned by home people, and will be kept up to the high standard it has maintained in the past. Liberal and courteous treatment will continue to be the policy of the firm and based on the merits of its goods and the quality of its service, the new firm asks a share of the public patronage.

P. O. APPROPRIATION IS $330,000,000

New Law Would Increase Rates on Newspapers Through Putting Zone System in Operation.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 2.—The annual postoffice appropriation bill reported to the House today carried approximately 330 million dollars. It would increase rates on newspapers by a zone system.

MARRIAGE AND AUTO LICENSES.

According to the records kept by County Clerk H. O. Ferguson, there were 435 marriage licenses and 132 automobile licenses issued during the year 1916.

BUFFALO NICKELS BUY A FORD CAR

Mrs. Sam Buchanan Buffaloes Johnson & Rohde Into Delivering Rer a Real Jitney.

To demonstrate what one can do by just saving a little at a time, Mrs. Sam Buchanan of this city has just completed pulling a stunt that we dare say no other person in the entire United States has ever attempted. She has bought her a brand new Ford touring car with buffalo nickels which she saved. Now if you doubt what we are saying, we direct you to the show window of Johnson & Rohde, local agents for the Ford car. In this window you will see on display 7,912 buffalo nickels which cover the entire floor of the window and then some. It is the biggest pile of money you ever saw in a show window. The amount is $395.50, the exact price of the car.

About two years ago Mrs. Buchanan made a trade with her husband, who conducts a restaurant on Main street, whereby she was to get every buffalo nickel that was taken in at the place of business. Little did either of them think at that time that in two years they would come into possession of nearly a bushel of them. Mrs. Buchanan has had a number of places where she kept the nckels, and up until a few weeks ago she herself did not have any idea of how many she had, but after going to each place and counting them she realized that she had quite a sum of money and the idea crept into her head to surprise her husband by buying an automobile with them, and this morning she had Mr. Johnson of the Johnson & Rohde Company take a big Studebaker car and an expert chauffeur and they loaded a big steel tool box in the car and made the collection. The nickels weighed exactly 92 pounds and every one of them was a buffalo. Some are worn and have passed through many hands, while others have never bought anything except a cup of Buchanan's good coffee and were then laid aside.

The number of the new Ford is 1426,144 and is the only real jitney that has ever been seen in the city, because of the fact that it was bought with jitneys and not a single piece of money was used in the transaction except buffalo nickels.

HAD FINE TRIP.

J. D. Martin has returned from Hondo, where he went to visit relatives and to enjoy the fine hunting afforded in that section of the state. He reports a fine trip and fine sport in hunting, although he did not succeed in bringing down a deer, due, however, to his marksmanship and not to the lack of game. Other members of his party were more fortunate and plenty of deer and wild turkeys were bagged. Mr. Martin said he found all the Brazos county people who now reside at Hondo, well and enjoying great prosperity.

VILLA SUFFERS ANOTHER DEFEAT

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 2.—In a battle near Guerrero yesterday Carranzistas captured 150 Villiastas who recently occupied Chihuahua City and killed 25 others, according to a report today.

PEANUT INDUSTRY IN NEW RECORD

Statistics From State Department of Agriculture Show Wonderful Results in Texas.

(By Associated Press.)

Austin, Texas, Jan. 3.—Statistics just gathered by the state of this season's yield show that the Texas peanut industry has reached enormous proportions, which means much, to the live stock and commercial interests of the state. The total acreage was approximately 350,000, and each acre is yielding an average of sixty bushels, making the total production approximately 21 million bushels. The cotton seed oil mills afford the principal market for the crop, and the price they are paying at present is $1 a bushel. Furthermore each acre of peanuts gives an average of one ton of hay, which sells readily for $12 a ton. At this price this season's crop of peanut hay will bring a total of about $4,200,000, bringing the value of the peanuts and by-products up to 25 million dollars. Judging from the encouragement which the cotton seed oil mill companies are giving the peanut industry, the acreage in that crop in Texas will be more than doubled next year.

AUSTRALIA REFUSES CONSCRIPTION

Was Submitted to Vote of the People. Will Do Her Part, However, in the War.

(Correspondence of Associatetd Press)

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 5.—Notwithstanding the limitations imposed by the people's verdict in refusing to accept conscription, the government believes Australia will continue to play her part creditably in this war," said Premier Hughes in a recent speech at the lord mayor's dinner in Melbourne.

"The result of the referendum," he said, "settled one point and one point only—that we may not have recourse to compulsion in order to provide reinforcements for overseas service during the war—and of course it can not affect in any way Australia's obligations to the empire. The people, misled by gross misrepresentations, have declined to entrust the government with the powers asked for. The decision of the people will profoundly affect the future, not only of this young commonwealth, but of democratic government generally. Certainly this refusal on the part of a free people to make sacrifices to defend their freedom will be used as a proof of the unwisdom of submitting great national issues directly to the people. But while we regret the decision, considering the odds against us there is no need to be discouraged."

Mr. Hughes attacked the anti-conscriptionists in this language: "What must be the feelings of tens of thousands of loyal Australians who, misled by the outrageous misrepresentations of designing men, voted 'No' when they read the enthusiastic approval of their action by the German press? Is there one man or woman who voted 'No,' and who loves Australia, who does not feel humiliated and ashamed to see in what light their action is regarded in Germany?"

Speaking of troubles in the commonwealth, chief of which was a threatened strike of coal miners, Mr. Hughes said:

"The strikes and upheavals, political and industrial, we see around us are the manifestations of deliberate policy which aims at destroying society as it now exists. They are the men who, calling themselves by many names or by no names, are in effect anarchists, and assisting them for their own purposes are certain sections who are against the empire. What must be the duty of any government worthy of the name under such circumstances? It is to carry on the war with vigor, to prove to the empire and to the world that the heart of Australia beats true, that it owes its existence to the empire and realizes that only through the defeat of Germany can the commonwealth maintain its existence and achieve its destiny."

FIRE HAZARDS ARE VERY FEW

State Fire Insurance Commission Inspector Visited City and Found But Little to Report.

City Fire Marshall John Daly, Jr. is today in receipt of a report issued from S. W. Inglish, State Fire Marshal which contains the report of Mr. S. M. Meeks, a State Fire Insurance Commission inspector. The report comes as a result of a recent visit to this city by Mr. Meeks it is very short and according to same there were only six places of business in the entire city that were in the least hazardous. The report dwelt on empty boxes, loose paper and excelsior in the rear of a few of the leading business houses. In one place it was found that gasoline was stored in a building to the amount of 5 gallons in an unapproved can. Electric light cords hanging on nails was another. At three places it was found that insufficient floor protection was used under the stoves.

The Eagle makes mention of these items so as to help guard against fires. Let's watch these things and upon the next visit of an inspector be so prepared that not a single kick can be registered. Bryan is leading in every other way, let's take the lead here.

DEFEATED HOPES OF N. M. REPUBLICANS

Democratic Governor Took Oath, Although Ill, So As to Fill All Appointive Offices.

(By Associated Press.)

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 2.—Hopes of Republicans in New Mexico for obtaining full control of state appointive offices and possibly gaining the executive office itself, were ended Monday when Ezequiel C. DeBacca, Democrat, elected to the governorship, took the oath of office at a local sanitarium. Governor DeBacca, who has been ill at a hospital in Los Angeles, returned to the state capital at the risk of shortening his life, that he might take the oath of office.

Republicans have a working majority in the legislature. Had DeBaca not been inaugurated Monday, Lieutenant Governor Lindsay, a Republican, it is said, would have been acting governor with all the functions of the office, including the appointive power, until DeBaca was sworn in and might even have retained the governorship, it was claimed.

HOTEL BRYAN TAKES BIG FORWARD STEP.

Will Inaugurate Telephone Service in Every Room.

Another long step forward is to be taken by the Hotel Bryan in its efforts to give its patrons a modern and up to date service in every particular. The new improvement is private telephone service in every room, made possible by the installation of an exchange in the hotel office through which the service will be operated, giving the guests both local and long distance service, which is precisely the same as that furnished by the hotels of the larger cities. Mr. Doane, the proprietor, is determined to keep the Bryan up to the standard in progressiveness and this latest improvement puts him in a class with the very best. Fifty-five telephones will be installed and the service will be inaugurated not later than this week.

SENATOR DECHERD HERE.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, Jr., of Franklin, state senator-elect from this district, was in Bryan today. Mr. Decherd was a member of the House two years ago and the legislative experience gained during the session, together with his other qualifications, will make him one of the able and influential members of the Senate. Brazos county and A. and M. College will have a staunch friend in Senator Decherd.

Amon Williams was in town today from his home at Coleview.

Walter Armstrong was a business visitor today from Tabor

LONDON COMMENTS ON WILSON'S PEACE EFFORT

Westminster Gazette Says President Is An Academic Person and Has Not Considered Consequences of His Efforts — Germans Report Further Successes in Rumania — German Subs Still Active.

OIL DEVELOPMENT BACKED BY EXPERTS

County Attorney Bethea Says Experts Passed on Proposed Field—Is No "Skin Game."

In conversation with Mr. Lamar Bethea of the Bryan Petroleum Company this morning, he stated the stock of the company is now ready to be placed on the market, and that Messrs. West and Sharff, agents for the company, would call on the people of this city and community and give them an opportunity to take part in the development of what he believes to be a rich oil and gas field, and to share in the benefits of same.

Mr. Bethea says he is anxious for the people to understand this is a legitimate proposition and not a "skin game." That only stock enough will be sold to sink the well and that every dollar of it will be used for this purpose. That nobody connected with the company in any way will get a dollar of this money except the man who drills the well. That it is to be an honest effort to develop this field and that every man who takes stock will get a square deal and share and share alike in proportion to the amount of stock owned.

Mr. Bethea also wants it understood that they are not going into this enterprise blindly and backing their own judgment as to the indications, but that the best oil experts and the most learned scientists of the country have been taken to the field, and it is upon their opinion, after visiting the field and making a thorough investigation, that they are proceeding with the development.

As proof of the expert opinion they have secured, he quotes the following from a letter from Dr. William B. Phillips, director of the Bureau of Economic Geology and Technology of the University of Texas:

"Your letter of the 18th was received during my absence in the oil and gas regions northwest of Fort Worth and I have just had opportunity of replying to it.

"I regret to know that you have thought my report on the oil prospects in Brazos county too technical. I endeavored to avoid all technical language as far as possible. However, I can say that I regard the localities examined for you and Mr. Mally, especially those in the vicinity of Buzzard Roost Pond, as favorable for the existence of oil and gas as any localities I have inspected outside of already proven territory.

"No one can say more than to advise drilling there. The indications fully warrant the putting down of at least one deep well and I recommend this be done. From the record of that well it can be determined whether or not it would be wise to put another well down. But at any rate, whether this second well is ever undertaken or not, I think that you are fully warranted in proceeding with the work.

"This well should be carried down at least 2,000 feet, if not stopped before this on account of oil or gas, and accurate records should be kept."

CONGRESS RESUMES AFTER HOLIDAYS

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 2.—Congress reconvened today after the holiday recess.

London, Jan. 3.—Commenting on Washington dispatches that President Wilson is determined to press his his efforts to bring about peace, the Westminster Gazette says:

"The national belief that the American President is a purely academic person, who launches a literary essay on the world without preparation or consideration of the consequences, is a dangerous delusion which may lead us astray if not abandoned. We are bound to treat him as a very serious factor at this stage of the war."

Russians Repulsed.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—The Russo-Rumanian forces made strong attacks on the Moldavian front yesterday, which were repulsed with heavy losses, according to the official statement. The towns of Barsesoi and Topesoi, as well as several hill positions, were captured by the Teutons.

Artillery Active.

Paris, Jan. 3.—The artillery is active north and south of the Somme in the region of Rouvroy and Verdun, around Dead Man's hill, Bezonvaux and also in Champagne, according to the war office. The French patrols captured some prisoners.

Two Steamers Sunk.

London, Jan. 3.—Lloyd's announces that the British steamer Hoidbrach and the Norwegian steamer Fricar have been sunk.

French Sailing Ship Sunk.

London, Jan. 3.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the French sailing ship Aconcagua and the Swedish steamer Goosebridge.

ENTENTES' NOTE MEANS REFUSAL

Reply of Allies Interpreted in Berlin as a Flat Refusal to End the War at This Time.

(By Associated Press.)

Berlin, Jan. 2.—The text of the entente note replying to the peace offer of the central powers, says the semi-official Overseas News Agency, reached Berlin as transmitted from Paris to the Havas News Agency. The general impression here is—if this version is correct—that the entente answer to the sincere German offer, while verbose, nevertheless is a flat refusal to end the war. This is especially regretted for the sake of the neutral countries suffering from the consequences of the war.

"It is pointed out as especially remarkable," says the dispatch, "that the entente note mentions the right of nationalities, although one of the avowed purposes of the entente is the conquest of Constantinople and the straits."

"WHOSE THERE" SAVES JEWEL CASE

Home of John Borden, Chicago Millionaire, Entered by Burglar, Who Was Frightened Away.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Jan. 2.—The burglar who entered the home of John Borden, the millionaire Arctic explorer, today, was frightened away before he got access to the $250,000 jewel case. The man fled in the early darkness when Mrs. Borden asked, "Who's there?"

BELIEVE WAR WILL END DURING THIS YEAR

British Troops in France Hailed New Year As Last of the War—Expect to See Victorious Peaec for Allies—Teutons Still Gain on Rumanian Front—British Casualties Heavy in December.

With the British armies in France, the arrival of January 1st, 1917, was welcomed on the western front by British and French soldiers as the beginning of the end of the great world war. There are varying views and theories as to how the end will be brought about, but there is a conviction throughout the army that the next twelve months will bring victorious peace to the allies.

Teutons Make Gains.

Berlin, Jan. 1.—Continuing their heavy attacks on the Moldavian front yesterday the Austro-German forces captured several heights, positions and two towns in Zabala valley, the war office says. Violent Russian and Rumanian attacks were repulsed. The Russians were also defeated again in Wallachia, being driven back to positions half way between Rimnik Sarat and Fokshanni. The Danube army has driven the Russians to the Braila bridgehead. In Dobrudja the Teutons captured a thousand men, four cannon and eight machine guns.

Quiet in London.

London, Jan. 1.—The third New Year's eve of the war was extremely quiet in the British capital. Mostly soldiers attended the restaurants and all places closed at 11 o'clock.

British Casualties.

London, Jan. 1.—The total British casualties reported in the published list from December 1st to December 23rd was: Officers, 815; men, 36,350. No lists were published during the holidays.

Danish Steamer Sunk.

London, Jan. 1.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the Danish steamship Denmark. Twenty-four members of her crew were landed.

Cutter Blown Up.

London, Jan. 1.—The cutter Protector has been blown up. The number of lost is unknown.

It is suggested that Germany proposes peace because she urgently needs it. And might not the allies accept it for precisely similar reason?—Kansas City Journal.

NO SECOND NOTE WAS SENT BY U. S.

Washington Government Acted on Its Own Initiative and Asked No One to Approve Action.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—The American government, it was made known today, sent no second note to neutrals subsequent to the dispatch of the Teuton's peace note, but American diplomats at neutral capitals were told in the transmitted peace note they should convey a suggestion that if the neutral governments thought it wise to take action on peace the United States considered the time opportune. It is stated definitely that no other government knew the United States was contemplating action, and no other government was asked to approve its action before or afterwards, and that the American government acted entirely on its own initiative, and that no attempt was made to act in concert with any other nation.

MOB VIOLENCE CLAIMS 54 VICTIMS

Records Show That This Number Met Death at Hands of Mobs in U. S. During Year of 1916.

(By Associated Press.)

Tuskegee, Ala., Jan. 1.—Fifty-four persons were lynched in the United States during the year just closing, according to records kept by the Tuskegee Institute in this city. Fifty of the number were negroes and four whites. There were three negro women included in the fifty.

FREE MAIL DELIVERY WILL START AT ONCE

Carriers Have Been Selected and Postmaster Astin Makes Statement Regarding Service.

The statement that Bryan is to have free mail delivery is no longer a surmise or promise—it is an actual reality. Carriers have been selected for two city routes and started this morning on the preliminary work of arranging the details of their work. The routes will be known as numbers 1 and 2. Mr. S. G. Buchanan is the carrier selected for Route 1 and Mr. C. L. Murray has been selected for Route 2. Mr. Buchanan was transferred from the city delivery service in Marlin to this city, having been in the same service there for four years. Mr. Murray is a Bryan man, and in the selection of these two gentlemen the public is assured of a very efficient service. Postmaster Astin made the following statement:

"The starting of actual delivery service will depend altogether on the co-operation we receive from patrons. About two days will be spent by the carriers in company with City Engineer Adams, familiarizing themselves with their routes. After this is done the distribution of blanks will be taken up by the carriers, same to be delivered to each family served on the routes. The blanks are headed by the following request:

"'Please write below the names of all persons (including servants) receiving mail at the above address and return this form promptly to the carrier, who should be informed of all changes of address as they occur.

"'Respectfully,

"'POSTMASTER.

"'(Write one name on a line, with ink. Write names in full, and in case of married women, write their own given names, not their husbands'. Use the prefixes Miss and Mrs. wherever applicable.)'

"Just as soon as these blanks are all filled in and returned to the carriers, the service will start and under ordinary circumstances and with the proper co-operation by all concerned, it should not require more than ten days.

"Attention is also called to the fact that just as soon as the service begins it will require 2 cents for each and every piece of first class mail posted in the Bryan office, whether sealed or unsealed."

Mr. Astin said further that in the future those who are to receive their mail on city routes should have same addressed to them at their street and number, as this will be a great help in many ways.

Route No. 1 will include Main street from 22nd street going south to 33rd street and west to the farthest point on Congress avenue.

Route No. 2 will run from 21st street south to 34th street and east to Polk avenue.

Remember, the better you, Mr. Reader, co-operate with Mr. Astin and the two carriers, the quicker the service will be started.

SCHOOL LAND IS NOW ON MARKET

Approximately 2,000,000 Acres of School Land Is for Sale to Highest Bidder.

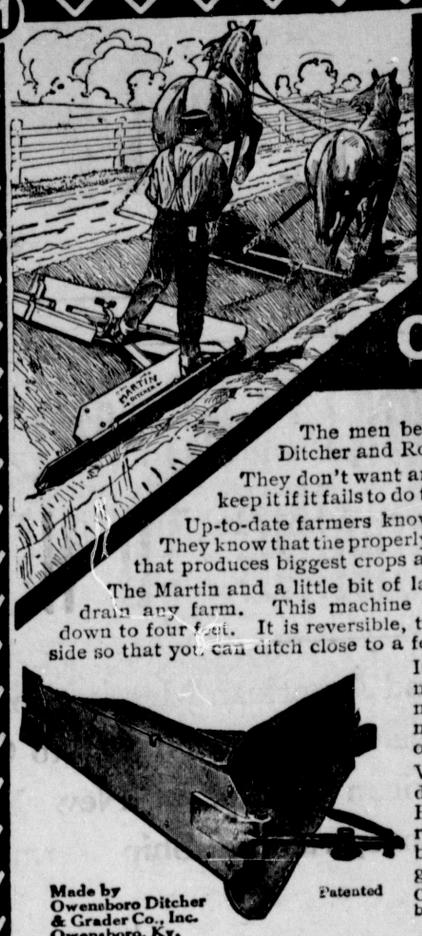
(By Associated Press.)

Austin, Tex., Jan. 1.—Approximately 2,000,000 acres of state school land was placed on the market today by State Land Commissioner J. T. Robinson, to be sold to the highest bidder.

While the bulk of this land is sold on condition of actual settlement by the purchaser, more than 250,000 acres will be sold without this requirement. This land is in tse counties of: Brewster, Bandera, Culbertson, Crockett, Edwards, El Paso, Jeff Davis, Kerr, Kimble, Menard, Pecos, Presido, Real, Terrell and Val Verde. More than eight sections of 640 acres each not to be sold to one person. Those tracts of less than 80 acres are to be cash sales without actual settlement required.

NEW YEAR AT THE ELKS' CLUB.

Bryan Lodge 859, B. P. O. E., as is the usual custom, are holding open house at the club rooms on 26th street this afternoon and the annual New Year Dance will take place this evening, the grand march starting promptly at 9 o'clock. This will undoubtedly be one of the most brilliant social affairs of the season. The music has been carefully selected and will be rendered by an exceptionaly good orchestra. The decorations will be most elaborate, the club colors of white and purple prevailing.



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ENTENTES REPLY NOT YET SENT TO TEUTONS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—The reply of the ententes to the German peace proposal had not been forwarded today and the indications were it would not be forwarded before tomorrow at the earliest. There is no intention to delay it beyond the necessary time to make certain that a complete and accurate copy is being forwarded to all the central belligerents.

REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR IN ARIZONA

No Inaugural Ceremonies Were Had Because Present Incumbent Claimed the Office.

(By Associated Press.)

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 1.—Thomas E. Campbell, Republican, was this morning inaugurated governor of Arizona. There were no inaugural ceremonies because of the fact that Governor Hunt, the present incumbent, claims the office. When Campbell went to the executive offices after the inauguration he found them locked.

'Tis my vocation, Hal: 'tis no shame for a man to labor in his vocation.—King Henry IV.

ITALIAN SHIP SUNK IN COLLISION

Queenstown, Jan. 1.—The Italian steamship, Legano, was damaged in a collision outside of Cork harbor and is reported to have sunk. The captain and one seaman were drowned.

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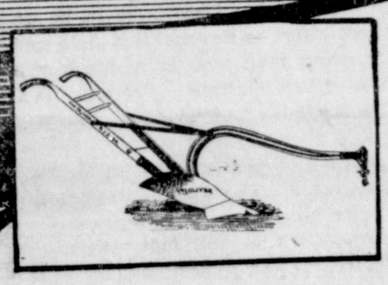

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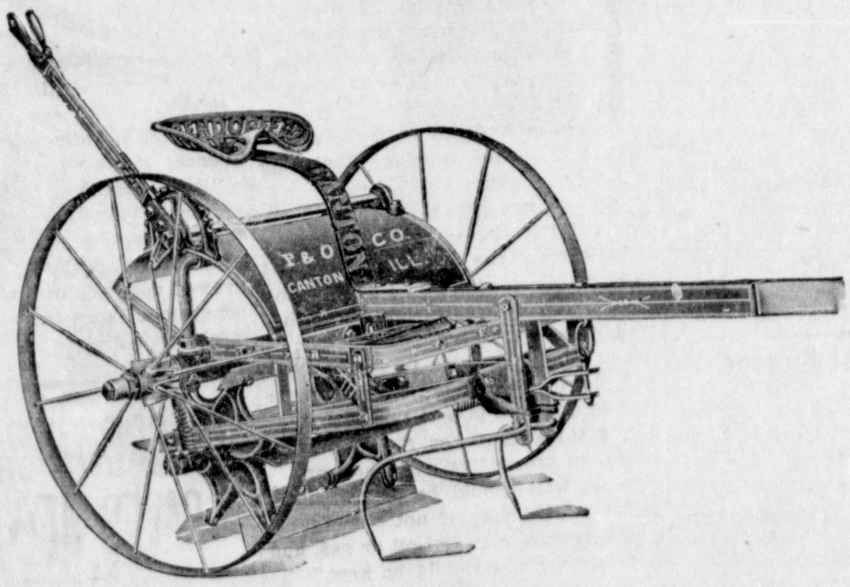

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